





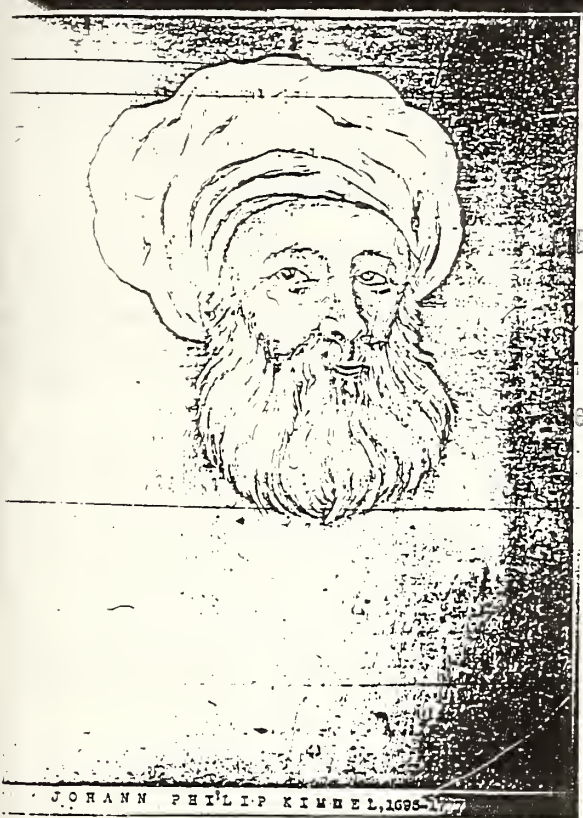
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HAVE YOU SEEN THE OLD KIMMEL PORTRAITS?

by Janice Tampkins

Here are photocopied reductions of photocopies of two paintings of two men who are ancestors to most of us of Kimmel descent.

The fellow with the tassel on his hat is identified as "JOHANN MICHAEL KIMMEL, GIMBSHEIM, GERMANY, 1662-1746, OUR EARLIEST KNOWN KIMMEL ANCESTOR."

The bearded fellow is identified as "JOHANN PHILIP KIMMEL, 1695-1777." Location of the originals is not currently known to me, but we had heard that one or both were in the possession of George Kimmel's descendants.

Perry Lester Kimmell of Aurora, IL, says he has seen Philip's portrait, years ago, and at that time it was in the possession of Miss Fannie Kimmel of Henderson KY.

By an unrecorded artist. Data from the owner: Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, New London, Conn. Dameron print from the late Miss Fannie Kimmel, Henderson."

The Henderson County information carries the notation "Copied from Kentucky Ante-bellum Portraiture by Whitley, E. F. At the request of [left blank] Date 1-25-60..." and reads:

"COLONEL PHILLIP KIMMEL (1695-1777)
"(Polish Army)

"Born in Germany, the oldest son of Judge Michael, 1662-1734, and Margarethe Souter Kimmel of Gimbsheim, Rhinehessen, our subject was married there in 1719 to Anna Elizabeth Volsom. In 1755 they emigrated to the colonies with their six sons, Philip 1724-1796, Nicholas, 1728-1804, Jacob, 1734-1818, Michael, 1736-1818, George, 1743-1818 and Anthony, 1745-1817. Landing at Alexandria, they received permission to travel as far as Frederick, Maryland. With Colonel Washington's and General Braddock's men, who were marching against Ft. Duquesne. Following a trail to York County, Pennsylvania, they settled on land there. Westward the succeeding generations made their way.

"George, born in Bavaria, settled on the edge of the Alleghenies, after Revolutionary service in the Lancaster militia and his marriage to Julianna Ruby. Peter, 1771-1843, who married Phoebe Husband, cast cannonballs for the War of 1812 at his forges in Somerset County and near Pittsburgh, and followed his son, Singleton, to Kaskaskia, Illinois. After flatboat trading on the Mississippi, the latter married Caroline Monica Manning, edited an Illinois newspaper, and served in the legislature before moving to St. Louis. There he was acting Mayor. After graduating from West Point in 1857, and fighting Comanches in Utah and Mexican marauders in Texas, their son, Marius

He has copies of notes relating to that portrait from Henderson County, KY, describing it as "Egg tempura opaque watercolor on paper 8" x 6".

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major and brigadier general of Confederate forces from 1861 to 1865.

"Brought to Henderson by him and his wife, Sibella Lambert Kimmel, the portrait was inherited by their son, who served in both World Wars." A handwritten note adds, "Re: Portrait of Colonel Johann Philip Kimmel 1695-1777, Reproduction of Dameron print made 1967 for I. L. Kimmel, M'boro, Ill."

It would be interesting to hear from anyone who knows more about the original paintings and their location. Are there paintings or any others of the early Kimmels? Let us hear from you.

DID YOU ORDER KIMMEL PHOTOS AT THE 1994 REUNION?

At the Kimmel Family Reunion in June 1994 at McLouth, six relatives paid \$1.50 each for a copy of the Kimmel portrait featuring Martha Hummer, Rose Whitmer, Susan Black, Henry Kimmel, Lizzie Bowman, Mary Whitmer and Josiah Kimmel.

Beverly Muzzy has the copies, but no idea who ordered them. If you're one of them, please send her a postcard with your name and address on it. She'll be happy to get your picture to you. Contact: **Beverly Muzzy**, 21370 259th Street, McLouth, KS 66054.

AN 86-YEAR-OLD POSTCARD FROM ONE KIMMEL COUSIN TO ANOTHER

The postcard below, dated February 2, 1909, at Ft Supply, OK, is from Mayme Etta Hummer (1883-1960), still single, to her married cousin, Mabel Kimmel Bower (1883-1974) at McLouth KS:

"Mrs E. D. Bowers; My Dear Cousin: It has been some time since I heard from you. Would like to hear from you again. Write me all the news and the changes made. I am just sick to come back. Under certain conditions I could come back this fall. Miss Mayme H."

On the other side, Mayme added: "By the way I learned Mary B has moved to O.K. to live. Where are EB and FB. I rec'd your Father's booklet of his travels. Say scan all those library over and find out where 4 and 5 vol of Isaac Errett Books. They are the onely books besides the Bible that Looks good to me."

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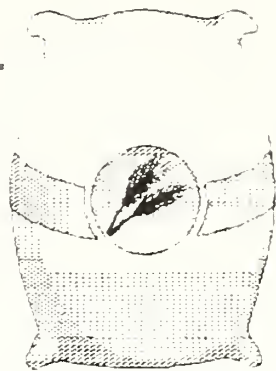
Bridley Circle, Lakeside Cemetery, Erie, Pa.
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The Name Game

More Kimmel Spelling Variations and How They Came About

Kimel: To Frank Buser, an Orwigsburg, PA., Kimmel descendant and researcher, Columbia, MO., suggests "William **Kimel**, retired professor of University of Missouri and last I heard a traveling nuclear consultant."

"His family derives from a **Henry Kimmel** out of 'Kimmel Land' (Somerset County, PA). Henry moved to eastern Ohio and became a miller. Two **M**'s in Kimmel made the flour sacks too wide, so an **M** was dropped.



"The main genealogists of the family, **Forrest Kimmel** of Terre Haute, IN, and his son Jay, and others have put the **M** back in their names," says Buser.

Kimmali: The Kimmals of Wamego and Concordia, KS, reported in a family-tree chart that their ancestor was a Joseph Kimmel (b. 1813 at Wooster, OH), who changed the "e" to an "a" because that "made the name more American."

Kimmell: Perry Lester Kimmell says "Our children wanted to know when the extra 'L' was added and why." His ancestor, Jacob Roderick Kimmell (1803-1881) "reportedly changed to two 'L's' because his brothers were doing too much bootlegging."

Kimmels in Fiction

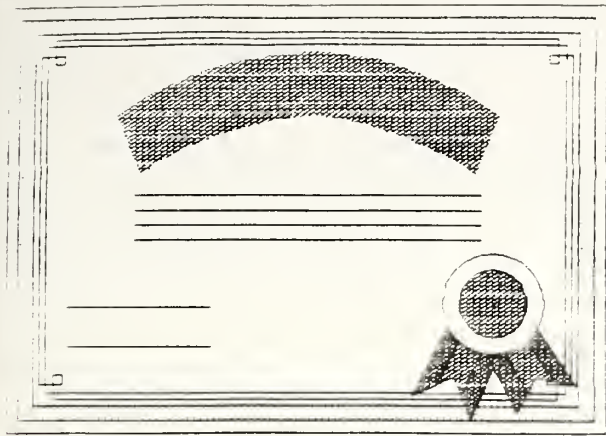
Frank Buser cites several examples of fictional Kimmels. "Kimmel is one of the not-so-good guys in Louis L'Amour's **Key-Lock Man**."

"John O'Hara in one of his big novels has Christian Kimmel as one of the characters. This book centered at Pottsville, PA., county seat of Schuylkill County, but O'Hara gives Pottsville a different name. Once there really was a Christian Kimmel in the general coal area near Schuylkill County."



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RONDA SANDERS-MOWBRAY WINS NATIONAL V.A. AWARD

from the Oskaloosa KS Independent

Ronda Sanders-MowBray, MSW, Wichita, was awarded the 1994 Department of Veterans Affairs Service Directors Award in mental health and behavioral sciences.

This is a national award given for achievements in enhancing clinical care to veterans being treated in mental health programs.

Sanders-MowBray is a clinical social worker and acting coordinator of the Substance Abuse Treatment Units at the Wichita Veterans Administration and Medical Center.

She has been with the VAMC since February 1991. She completed a two-year post-graduate course in clinical human sexuality at Menninger, Topeka, in June 1994.

While in training and since completing the program, Sanders-MowBray has enhanced clinical services by offering sex education, sex therapy for individuals, couples, and therapy groups for veterans who are survivors of sexual abuse.

In addition to the National Award she received, she has also been honored with two outstanding field instructor awards from the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare and named the Wichita Federal Professional Employee of the Year.

Sanders-MowBray is married to James L. MowBray, who is a private practice criminal defense attorney in Wichita. She is the daughter of John and Zelma Sanders, McLouth, Ks.

[Ronda is a granddaughter of the late Anna Kimmel Sanders and great-granddaughter of Henry Harrison Kimmel. Way to go, Ronda! --Ed.]

from our mailbag...

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Timothy W Kimmel, 2103 Bevel Ave., Ft Wayne, IN 46802

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Marianne & Tom McCoy, 112 Rockafellow Mill Rd.,
Flemington NJ 08822-7054 (good till 6/95)

Judy Kimmel Miller, POB 247, Oskaloosa, KS 66066

James & Ronda MowBray, 5424 E Plaza Lane, Wichita KS
67208

Mr. & Mrs. Beni Randall, 1324 SW 111th Place, Oklahoma
City OK 73170

David Sampson, 1900 B Tumbleweed, Hutchinson KS
67502-1328

John & Zelma Sanders, RR 2 Box 25, McLouth KS 66054

Mr & Mrs. Bob Thorp, 1422 Cat Mt Trail, Keller, TX 76248

Ted & Lois Sanders Uihlein, 2407 Whitehall Manor,
Lawrence, KS 66049.

Dr & Mrs. Steven Urban, 6307 Calumet, Amarillo TX 79106

MARTHA ANN KIMMEL & CLEMENT HUMMER DESCENDANTS:

A December 15 letter from Mary Hummer of Amarillo TX:
"I always enjoy the Kimmel Family News. However, the last
issue was very interesting in the concise lineage that was
documented.

"How very sad to learn of Don Whitmer's death.
Immediately on meeting Don, one sensed the genuineness
of his spirit.

"Several members of our family do not receive the Kimmel
publication. Enclosed are my "dues" and Christmas gift
subscriptions for the following... The other nieces and
nephews are able to share the newsletter because of close
proximity to other recipients."

MARY ANN KIMMEL & ANDREW WHITMER DESCENDANTS:

December 5 Charlotte & Ritch Davidson of Santa Clara,
CA, wrote: "Whatta wonderful production you have turned
our Kimmel Newsletter into! Thank you! Since John is still
treasurer I sent \$10 to him (\$5 for us and \$5 for the general
fund).

"We are still so sad at the sudden demise of my brother,
Don [Whitmer]. Thank you for your kind memoriam to him
in the newsletter. Their children and long-time Modesto CA
friends have been very supportive of Marge, and I believe
she is doing as well as can be expected in getting on with
life.

"Ritch and I are giving ourselves a cruise through the
Panama Canal for Christmas. Two other couples, long-time
friends, are joining us. We'll be gone for two weeks,
arriving home on Ritch's birthday, December 23.

"We board in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and
disembark in Los Angeles. We're
looking forward to it but it does seem
strange not to be setting up a Christmas
tree and doing the pre-
Christmas things I'm
usually busy with.



...and being a buddy to his mom who just turned 90. Hope you are well and have a wonderful Christmas season. God bless!"

Marge Whitmer sent us a note December 12: "Since Don is gone am trying to get everytning caught up...Want to thank you for the nice memorial to Don in the Kimmel newsletter. I appreciate it so much."

"Right now I am in Modesto but realiv don't know where I will finally settle. Don't plan on making any definite plans for 6 months to a year."

HENRY H. & LYDIA BOWMAN KIMMEL DESCENDANTS:

November 28, **Beverly Muzzy** of McLouth, KS, sent us some Sanders family news:

"**Lois Sanders** (John & Zelma's daughter) will marry **Ted Uihlein** on December 23 in Illinois. Their address is 2407 Whitehall Manor, Lawrence, KS., 66049."

"Just a few minor corrections:

MowBray: Notice the capital B. Ronda's name doesn't have an h in it. J's just the initial, not Jay. It stands for James."

"I have lots of photos and memories to share with the rest of the family. Maybe after the holidays I'll take the time to dig them out and send them to you. Thanks again for a terrific newsletter. Have a merry Christmas!"

William & Mildred Kimmel of White Pine, TN, wrote December 9: "Our year has been blessed with opportunities to serve in Christ's name and with health and strength to respond."

"Our children and their families have experienced no great tragedies, and all are pursuing their lives in the same communities as last year. By the growth of the grandchildren we know we are also aging. This coming year will bring the first H. S. graduation and wedding among the ten, and the youngest will become a four-year-old."

"Our lives still center around our church. As moderator I attend more meetings and prepare more meals for District meetings. As treasurer I keep the bills paid and book balanced. We are custodians, and Bill as a trustee keeps busy 'fixin'. He keeps his voice in tune as asst. chorister."

"We've been away from home over 2-1/2 months this year. A trip to New Windsor, MD,

comes every February; in March it was a meeting in Raleigh, NC; in June-July we were in Kansas for a month at **Marie's**, **Miriam's**, **Betty's**, the Kimmel Reunion, and at Annual Conference in Wichita; then on to District Conference at Black Mountain NC; and in Sept-Nov 6 weeks at Ponifay, FL., helping Brethren Disaster Response rebuild flooded homes."

"We've heard the best way to live longer is to keep busy. Bill says he's sure he'll live to be 100 because it will take that long to finish all the work God has for him to do!"

"Something new for us this year was taking our craft items to sell at the Brethren Arts exhibit at Annual Conference. We were happy to sell over \$600, half of which was given for world hunger, which was the project of the year."

"Our property is still for sale, but the guest room is

...meanwhile we pray you share with us God's blessings

"God so loved you that He gave you...
More abundant...and eternal life...
We give because He gave....Love. --Bill & Mildred

Gary & Sharron Bower McGill of Wichita & Seattle, wrote a newsy letter on December 19: "Hi, everyone! Hope this letter finds everyone well and happy this holiday season. This past year has brought many changes and opportunities to our family."

"One of the most unbelievable changes is that **Jennifer** is now a high school student. Doesn't seem possible that she can be in 9th grade already. I've claimed for the last few years that after you have kids the years are about 3 months shorter. That's the only explanation I can come up with for how fast the time goes. With high school has come football and basketball games, along with several clubs and class involvements. I don't know how she finds the time to be involved with all that she is and still keep her grades where they are."

She has joined a Bible Club, Freshman Club, and KAY-Club (Kansas Association of Youth) of which she's secretary. KAY-Club is a community service club that takes on periodic community service projects. With her journalism class comes the responsibility of writing and photographing for the school newspaper. I think that she really enjoys the journalism class."

Last summer she had the opportunity (although I'm not sure she saw it that way) to work as a volunteer at the Wichita Zoo. She spent several Saturdays painting, hauling dirt, and doing several other cleanup and maintenance projects."

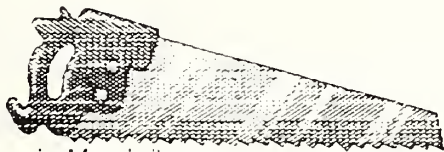
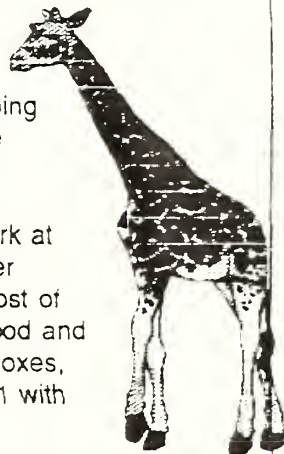
She and **Sharron** also do volunteer work at the Kansas Humane Society every other Sunday and during special events. Most of the time the Sunday work is washing food and water containers and making cat litter boxes, but occasionally they get to work 1 on 1 with the animals."

On Monday nights she takes horseback riding lessons at a riding academy east of Wichita. **Sharron** has to really hurry to get off work on the east side of Wichita, pick **Jennifer** up on the west side, and then come back east of town in time for the lessons. As you can tell, **Jennifer's** interests revolve around school, if that can be called an interest, and animals."

Sharron has spent most of 1994 getting used to the new job she started in September 1993. She's working as a workers compensation customer service representative for USF&G. They have demanded a lot of her this year, not only in all the new things she has had to learn, but in the work load itself."

Besides being Mom and USF&G, **Sharron** has taken on the job of Dad. Since I've been gone the last few months (covered later), **Sharron** has served as Mom, Dad, chauffeur, algebra and biology tutor (with varying degrees of success) and friend... What little time she does have for relaxation is spent walking with friends and Mondays and Thursdays."

My year was not real eventful until late June or early July. I spent the first part of the year job hunting, which was not real fun. Thanks in great part to the efforts and prayers of a friend, I got a job with SRS, the state welfare department, about the first of May."



A couple months later I was offered a position with the Recreational Sports Department at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA. After Sharron & I talked, we decided that if I was ever going to get into the field that I had spent what seems like all these years trying to get into, I could not turn this down.

I was to start here at the University on August 1st and so left Wichita the last week of July and made a leisurely trip across country. We decided that Sharron & Jennifer would spend this school year in Wichita and then make the trip.



At this time we are keeping two households afloat and trying to stay in communication.

Thank goodness that Sharron has an 800 number where she works so I can call her every day...It's really a change when you're used to having someone around every day for 10 years and 15 years respectively and all of a sudden they are not there any more. It also

helps some that some friends are on an E-mail system so I can keep in touch with them.

Since I've been here my job has kept me pretty busy. My position title is "Operations Coordinator," which just means that I am responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Recreation Complex. I have a part-time staff of about 50 students and 10 full-time people. The Complex itself is about the size of the one at Wichita State University, but we get about 850,000 people coming through the doors each year, so there is always something that needs done or someone with a problem.

Seattle is real pretty, with a wide variety of things to do, but without family here yet, I spend most of my time at the building. I live just a couple of blocks from the building, but have to walk over a drawbridge, so I spend some time there watching the boats and sailboats going out into Lake Washington. Our building backs up to the water so we have a pretty nice view of the area. One of the bad things about Seattle is they do not televise the Dallas Cowboy football games much. The TV stations seem to think that we should be interested in the Seahawks.

I was able to go home to Wichita over Labor Day week end, and then at Thanksgiving Mom, Sharron & Jennifer met me in Atlanta GA and we went to Albany GA to spend time with my sister and her family. [Also a few days with Aunt Virginia Bower Mason.] At Christmas I am going to be home for four days.

Next March 1st is our 20th anniversary--how did she ever put up with me all that time?--and Sharron is going to come out here for a few days. Then after school is out we will have to make plans to reunite, so next year you all will hear from us from sunny Seattle...

A January 7 note from Judy R Kimmel of Topeka KS: "Enclosed is \$5 for my subscription to the Kimmel Family News. The newsletter is great! FYI, I am the daughter of Robert L & Betty Kimmel, granddaughter of Raymond David Kimmel, great-granddaughter of HH & Lydia. I am an occupational therapist at the Senior Diagnostic and Treatment Unit at Stormont Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka. The job is very challenging, but never boring."

From Betty & Willard Sampson of Hutchinson, KS. January greetings: "Happy New Year, Kimmel Kuzzins. We just returned from a wonderful holiday visit with daughter Marianne and her husband Tom McCoy, and children Annette and Timothy.



Rev. Dr. Hemmington, to our son David and his boys Lee and Philip traveled with us to make our family gathering complete. This was likely our last visit with them in New Jersey because Tom is to be transferred to Charlotte, NC, in the coming summer. His company, Sealand Logistics, is moving its headquarters south.

All seems well with the family. Lee is enjoying most of his first year of high school. Annette is very involved in her last year of middle school with band, orchestra, vocal music, soccer, and lots of academic work. Philip is in the seventh grade playing trumpet in band and singing in the middle school chorus. Timothy, our sixth grader, has developed an interest in art and is awaiting the season for baseball again.

Marianne has been a substitute teacher in the local schools in her area. Tom spends lots of his time overseas working for Sealand. He has been in Uzbekistan, Moscow, Frankfurt, London, Kuwait, Denver, Houston and other places this past year. David spends more than his share of time at work in the Sterling Post Office as postmaster.



As for Willard and me, we are still working on our lakeside cabin at Cottonwood Lake at Sterling, KS. Progress is slow, but we enjoy being there and working together.

I really appreciated the last newsletter with the additional information about some of our ancestors and also news from another Kimmel Kuzzin. The home pictures are wonderful. I will copy them for my Kimmel Pictorial Genealogy.

You mentioned the Bear Creek Cemetery near Dayton, OH, where some of our ancestors are buried. We, too, have been there twice. Earlier in the 1980's we found David's and Barbara's memorial stones intact. Also, beside them was their son John's stone, but we could not find his wives' graves. A few years later we again visited the cemetery and found John's stone lying flat on the ground and broken across the middle. David and Barbara's stones were still intact. It's too bad the stones have been destroyed."

John & Mary Bower of McLouth, KS, sent a Christmas letter: "Greetings from John and Mary Bower to our family and friends everywhere. It has been another good year at McLouth. Good subsoil moisture left over from last year's excessive rainfall got crops off to a good start, leading to good harvests in an otherwise dry year. The countryside was green all year.

"In February, Mary and I celebrated our fifth anniversary with dinner at the same Leavenworth restaurant where we ate our first meal together after being married.

"The last week of April we went to Great Bend, KS, for the mid-year meeting of the Kansas Women's Christian Temperance Union. Mary is state Memorial Secretary. From there we went to Minden, NE, to see the nationally famous Pioneer Village. That night it snowed four inches. Sunday we went to church in the little community Christian church in Formoso, KS, where Mary was baptized as a teenager, and placed flowers on her father's grave in a nearby country cemetery.

"When we returned home a big woodpecker had been trying to make himself a nest in the side of our house. I filled the hole he made with expanding foam sealant, but it was two months before he gave up. My daughter, Ruth, offered to paint the house, if I would get the paint. That was too good an offer to turn down, so now our house is a lovely yellow.

the week end of June 19 and 20 Kimmel cousins gathered from far and near for the Kimmel Family Reunion at the local school. Around 80 came from as far away as California.

"In late August, Mary and I flew to the Pacific Northwest for a two-week vacation and visit with Ron at Portland. Granddaughter Ashley is now six years old and in the first grade. We rented a car and drove around Washington's Olympic Peninsula. At Federal Way and Tacoma, WA, we visited Ken and Lola Kimmel, Don Smoots and Doris Willis. We got back home juts in time for the marriage of Gordon's daughter, Kerry, to Tom Chapman.

"In September, Mary and I went back to Great Bend for the annual meeting of the state WCTU, coming home by way of Hutchinson and its planetarium and Museum of Science Exploration. In October, Andrew Jacob Lee, Bob's grandson and Mary's seventh great-grandchild, was born in Kansas City.



"Mary and I enjoy Sam and Amanda Miller, Judy's kids, who live in nearby Oskaloosa, close enough we can attend school functions. Mary does volunteer work at the Oskaloosa nursing home, library, and the "Book Barn." She is Memorial Secretary of the Kansas WCTU and is learning to use the computer. I am senior deacon and moderator of the Baptist Church, Sunday school teacher, and treasurer of the County Historical Society. The Lord continues to bless our church.

"How thankful Mary and I are for the love we have found together, for family and friends who care, for a good community, and for our church, where we share the warmth of Christian love. And how thankful that God loved us so much that He gave His only Son on that first Christmas, that we might have Life, full and rich and abundant. May the love of God fill your hearts and lives at this Christmas seasons, and go with you in the new year."



Mike & Deanna Tompkins sent Christmas greetings from Columbia, MO., and this year's photo of their children, **Shaun & Cassie.**

To celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary this February, **Mike & DeeDee** are flying down to the Virgin Islands, leaving Grandma & Grandpa **Ken & Jan Tompkins** to babysit both the kids and the home-

building business. And just to rub it in, Columbia received a record snowfall this past week--20 inches in one day!

January 8, **Miriam Kimmel Kruse** of Little River, KS., wrote: "Congratulations on a wonderful newsletter. I can hardly believe all the information in those 8 pages--a veritable encyclopedia of things known and unknown to many of us. I've been working on a Pictorial History for each of my children and would have done most anything to have those pictures of the old homesteads, and there they were, right before my eyes!"

"News from the Miriam Kimmel Kruse family--

Shari Hayes Anne Kruse Hayes (daughter) married **James Wiens**, a fine Mennonite lad whom she met at Bethel College, Newton, KS. The wedding was held at Little River, KS, on June 5, 1994. James is a math teacher at McPherson Junior High, McPherson, KS, and Shari is working at the bank in Little River.



With two cousins on my mother's side of the family, I spent four weeks traveling in Ireland, Scotland and England, and ending with three days in France.

Our daughter-in-law Katie and granddaughter Kasey (Dick Kruse's wife and daughter) joined us in Scotland as we toured and researched information about the Campbell genealogy (my mother's heritage). This is my third trip to Scotland with the cousins. We rent a car and tour on our own, doing farm bed and breakfasts.

Would love to join some Kimmel relatives to do something similar in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. Anyone interested?

For some of you Kimmels who live in Indiana, you may be interested in contacting my son Dick (Richard) Kruse, who is listed in the current mailing list. His home is in Indianapolis (500 Pine Drive, 317-843-1135), and his farming enterprise is located at Ladoga, Route 2 Box 363 A, 67954, in Ladoga.

Dick says there is an old Brethren college (stone) located in Ladoga. Might be interesting to research it. Being a farmer, he hasn't taken the time to look into the history of the college.

Our grandson Benjy Kruse (Steve & Debi's son) is a junior at Kansas State. He is a member of the K-State singers, a group of 14 men and women who travel about Kansas representing the college. This is what is known as a 'Show Choir.' In costume, they sing popular Broadway hits and other types of light music choreographed with dance steps. If this group is in your area (Kansas), it is well worth hearing!

Oh, yes--can anyone beat this record? We've been married 53 years; son Dick is now 52--so for 52 years all our children and grandchildren (20 of us as of now) have been home for Christmas at the same time except for two Christmases when Dick & Katie had a new baby girl each time. We're pretty proud of the dedication and effort put forth by our children and grandchildren and six spouses to make this possible..."

OTHER KIMMEL BRANCHES:

November 20, **Allan T. Kimmell** of Topeka KS sent a letter: "I read with interest 'A Little Kimmel Family History' shared by Ruth Keller Slaughter of London, OH. I have been compiling genealogical material since about 1987. I descend from **Johan Jacob**, but the material you printed fits very well with mine.

"We came to the McLouth reunion with **Jerry & Leah Kimmel** of Topeka a few years ago. Leah has since died but I have her work notebook on her study of Jerry's family tree. She did some really great research.

"Since retiring in 1990, my wife and I have made several trips in search of family history. Last month we went to Ft Wayne IN and met **Timothy W Kimmel**. He is a remarkable young man. He is working on ALL branches of us Kimmel/Kimmells!!

"...Congratulations on publishing a very professional news letter. Keep up the good work. I am enclosing my check..."

December 1994 Duane L Sawhill of Brewster MA wrote "Dear Kimmels-- enjoyed my first issue of 'Kimmel Family News' so much I'm enclosing \$5 for more. Do you take queries? If so, I'd like to submit the following:

"Would like to correspond with anyone who is also searching the family of **Barbara Groner/Croner** (1774/75-1842), wife of **David Kimmel** (1763-1827), whose headstones are shown on page 3, *Kimmel Family News* Nov 1994. Thanks a million!"--Duane L. Sawhill, 15 Rocky Hill Road, Brewster, MA 02631.

We have a December 20, 1994, letter from **Hobart D. Kimmel** of Dayton, OH.: "Greetings of the season. Enclosed find check for \$5, for which please send us your Kimmel News. Thanks for the one you did send us. We enjoyed reading it very much, although we aren't much of genealogist."

Perry L. Kimmell of Aurora IL discovered a new cousin (Abraham Kimmell branch) in **Peg Gehringer**. He wrote November 29: "I haven't been active in my family history, so please be assured that I did a lot of digging...It was interesting to find that we had the same ancestors for the first four generations.

"We never found the burial information on Abraham. My father spent a great deal of time, and **Pat** (my wife) and I spent days checking family burial spots...It was a real disappointment to find the cemetery in Accident MD all torn up when they put in the highway. Grave stones were thrown into a pile..."

In an earlier note, **Perry** wrote, "My father assisted **Dr. Stoner** in the 1930's trying to get the [lineage] of **Johann Michael Kimmel**. I have a copy of their writing."

December 7, 1994, **Mary Elizabeth "Peg" Gehringer** wrote. "Thank you for including me in your mailing list. I am enclosing my check for \$5...I would like copies of anything pertaining to **Jonathan Kimmel** b 1807 Somerset Co PA, d Oct 1885 at Columbus, Cherokee Co. KS..."

Perry L Kimmell of Aurora IL wrote again December 7: "...Yesterday we received a very nice letter and family info from **Wilbur Lester Kimmell**, and he is tracing back to **Abraham and Susannah**."

Peg Guinane Gehringer of Omaha, NE., wrote January 16 concerning her family and her genealogical research: "I was born and raised in Omaha. My family moved to Sioux City, IA, in 1941, where my father became Chief Grain Inspector. **Bob** was also born and raised in Omaha, attended Creighton University and then was with the 10th Mountain Division of the Infantry in Italy in World War II. When he came home we were married and moved back to Omaha.

"All eight of our children have received their degrees and six are, or were, teachers, one a computer programs consultant, and the last is partner in a custom framing shop."

About her family history research, she mentions "...copies of the Divorce Records [1886] for **David [Chauncey] & Sarah [Handley] Kimmel**. Sounds as if they had a rather stormy married life. (Times haven't changed much, it seems," she notes, "and those of us who are happy and have loving families should realize and appreciate our blessings, right?)

"I have family record sheets for **Jonathan/Barbara [Althouse]**, **David/Sarah**, and **George/Hannah**... The Irish-Swede-German and Scotch ancestors seem to have worked well together for our family. We all live in Omaha, thank God, and get together often..."

Morothy W Kimmel 1122 Bever Ave. - Bayne, IN who researches ALL Kimmel branches, sent computer disks of genealogical data entitled *The Kimmel Family Record* [So much I haven't had a chance to look at it all yet--Ed.] and a letter: "...For years I have been compiling records on the Kimmel/ Kimmell/Kimel/Kummel families from the arrival of each family in the United States to today. It's a hobby, but I am serious about eventually collecting an accurate record of the Kimmel history.

"I have compiled detail from census records, courthouse records (birth, death, marriage, deeds, court dockets, tax and voter registration), county histories, cemeteries, churches, immigration lists, slave schedules, military files, and detail compiled by others interested in the same families. It is...intended to be shared.

"However, I cannot guarantee its accuracy. I can err in copying information or typing the material into the computer, and that material is usually second-, third-, or even fourth-hand from records that are themselves often wrong (due to error, misunderstanding or outright fabrication of facts). Much of what is offered has been carefully verified by comparing several records if a fact is in doubt. However, unproven information is also included, so anyone wanting to use the detail offered should double check it before using it for other purposes..."

"Questions are welcome, corrections are much appreciated (please offer documentation), and I am open to debating facts in order to come up with an accurate record. Let me know if you want to include your Kimmel family in my records. If you are tracing your family tree and cannot trace a Kimmel back any further, I may have the information you need (or may come across it in future research)..." **Tim** says his Kimmel ancestry traces to **Jacob Kimmel** of Berks.

Franklin Buser of Orwigsburg, PA, responded to our November issue: "It's a pleasure to view your picture of the Kimmel Homestead historical sign, which I have twice visited. The Admiral's two surviving sons, **Ned** and **Thomas**, have been trying to get his name cleared for several years now. Doesn't look like Congress will do it..."

"Not very many people seem to know that Admiral Kimmel wrote a book, **Admiral Kimmel's Story**. Prange's book, **At Dawn We Slept**, strongly indicates that around January 1941, the Japanese war party began planning an attack on Pearl Harbor, their main focal point being Admiral Kimmel's aircraft carriers.



"Several books report that before Pearl Harbor was attacked, Admiral Kimmel sent the carriers westward, evidently because a report from somewhere had a Japanese fleet on the way toward the Philippines. The Japanese were terribly upset when their reconnaissance showed the carriers were gone. Almost certainly Admiral Kimmel saved Admiral Halsey's life and cut the Japanese attack to a single day, saving much of Pearl Harbor

"A chap with initials FDR did succeed in getting the country behind him to get rid of Hitler, but he could not accept blame for slaughtering about 4000 men--Frank Buser's opinion!"

Cleve C. Kimmel of Billings, MT., wrote January 19, 1995: "Dear Sirs: I ran across some information about your news letter, and would like to be added to the mailing list. I was informed that it costs \$5.00. I am completing research on my family."

Kimmel Geograpny for Trivia Collectors

In 1870, there was a town named Kimmel in Indiana County, PA. It apparently no longer exists. However, **Franklin Buser**, Kimmel descendant and researcher, has unearthed information concerning other places named for Kimmels or Kimmells.

Kimmelton, PA: "In Somerset County, PA., the town of Kimmelton is rather interesting to visit--too small to have a post office," says Buser.

Kimmell, Indiana: The town of Kimmell (the only known post office bearing the name and currently active) is in Noble County, Indiana, and was named for a descendant of Joseph Kimmell (1769), the Honorable Orlando Kimmell, reportedly because as a State Representative he used his influence to get the railroad to come through tiny, dwindling Sparta. Sparta, founded in 1831, became "Kimmell" in gratitude, according to Buser.

With the arrival of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company around 1876, Kimmell became an active town, with two original streets--Clark and Hitler. A post office was established in Kimmell in 1888. A cement plant was a major business. Kimmell was also well known for storage of locally grown potatoes and onions, and several commercial peppermint stills were located there. The Kimmell School was last used in 1971. The town is small but survives.

Kimmel Township: "When the two Kimmel brothers, Philip (1724) and George (1743)--the Admiral's ancestor--moved from York County, PA., they settled in Bedford County (now Somerset County)," Buser reports. "Bedford County still has a Kimmel Township."

Kimmel School: "A lady in Atwood, IL.," says Buser, "gave me data for her Kimmel family, descended from a Jeremiah Snyder Kimmel of Crawford County, OH. The library in Bucyrus, OH, had his marriage record. He moved to Allen County, IN., and then to Richland County, IL. She also gave me two newspaper clippings. One... is a picture of Kimmel School in Richland County, and the other... a picture of a Mr. Kimmel and his wife celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary!"

Kimmel Hall, Syracuse University: Over a million dollars to build this building was given by Buser's cousin, Claude L. Kimmel of Orwigsburg, PA. "After he graduated from Syracuse University in New York, Claude had two shoe

factories in New York state. Later he went back to Pennsylvania and became, evidently, a main stockholder in the Lenigh Valley Coal & Navigation Co. He passed away in Allentown, PA, in 1963."

Kimmel churches: "My immigrant Kimmel ancestor that I call Jacob Kimmel of Berks," says Buser, "finally settled near Orwigsburg, PA, which was then in Berks County (now Schuylkill County). My great-great-uncles there built two churches still called Kimmel Evangelical Church and Kimmel St. John Church."

Another Kimmel Church (since re-named) had Brethren connections. In "A Prophet Wrestles with Satan," a chapter in the book Two Centuries of Brothersvalley, concerns an incident in the life of Elder William Sevits. "The family attended the old Kimmel Church, built in 1858, on the Jonathan Kimmel farm, later the farm belonging to Ellis Kimmel. This old church was skidded on a sled to Downey and was called the Home Church, the forerunner of the Berlin Brethren Church..."

[Nearby, near Roxbury, was the John Groner Meetinghouse, later known as the Great Glades Church, built by John Groner (later known as Croner), around 1790. This church is of interest to descendants of David (1763-1827) and Barbara Croner Kimmel because John was the father of Barbara and great-grandfather of the David Kimmel who married Leah Riegel. Brethren Annual Meeting in 1821 was held at the Groner Meetinghouse, with over 4000 attending. This house, near Roxbury, still existed in 1962 and was owned at that time by the Richard Croner family. Perhaps it is still there. Anybody know?]

Kimmel Roads: According to Buser, slightly south of Orwigsburg is one Kimmel Road. Another Kimmel Road is west of Somerset, PA. Still another Kimmel Road is slightly south of Eldorado, Ohio (Preble County). "Another Kimmel Road is reported near Redford, Arkansas, which I hope to check out someday," he says. Let us know if there's a Kimmel Road or Street near you.

Minor mystery solved? Last issue we told you that J. Michael Kimmel (1736-1818) died in Mt Pleasant MS, though it sounded peculiar. (What was he doing in the state of Mississippi?) **Tim Kimmel** says the town of Mt Pleasant, located in the Mississippi Valley of Pennsylvania, is the right place, and it has known Kimmel connections.



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KIMMEL FAMILY NEWS

A Chronicle of Kimmel Cousins
April 1995 issue



"Tom Thumb Wedding" c. 1915, McLouth, KS., featuring Donald Kimmel Bower, Mildred Means, Shirley Casebier, Arthur Means. Donald celebrated his 86th birthday April 13.

WILMER DAVID KIMMEL RETIREMENT NOTED BY HUTCHINSON PAPER

Miriam Kimmel Kruse sent us a clipping from the Business Section of the Hutchinson News for February 3, 1995, about our own Bill Kimmel:

"Pioneer of farm management to retire," the headline on Sara Peterson-Davis' article shouts. "Bill Kimmel skipped

football practice his senior year in high school to plant his first wheat crop. That wheat crop launched Kimmel's career as a farm management pioneer in Kansas," the article leads off.

Quoting Bill as saying (with a chuckle), "It is the closest thing to actual farming without doing actual labor," the News makes note of his 33 years leading the farm management department at First National, "seeing it grow from managing a handful of farms to more than 500 in Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Colorado." Bill Kimmel is quoted: "We built it from zero agency accounts to 155,000 acres today."

Before he began managing farms for others, Ms. Peterson-Davis notes, he managed his own farm operation in northeast Kansas: "A native of McLouth, Kimmel started farming right out of high school. After six years, he and his wife, Doris, decided to sell their



Hutchinson News (Sandra Watts) Photo captioned: "Bill Kimmel, senior vice president and manager of the farm management department at First National Bank, sits beside a painting of a farm scene...in his office. Kimmel will be retiring today after 33 years of service..."

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machinery, pare down their cow herd to 20 head, and go to Kansas State University.

"The Kimmels went straight through college and finished in three years. In 1951, Kimmel graduated with a degree in agricultural economics and Mrs. Kimmel with a degree in home economics."

His first job after college, according to the News, was with a farm management firm in Omaha, NE. Then, "He spent three years with Farmers National in Des Moines, IA., before joining the farm management department of a Peoria, IL., bank. After eight years in Illinois, the Kimmels were ready to move back to Kansas."

Bill is a grandson of Rev. Josiah Regal Kimmel and Margaret Magill. His parents were Claude David and Myrtle Cox Kimmel. Bill and his wife, the former Doris Lee Johnson, have two sons, Charles David and Tedd James. Son Tedd also works in First National's farm management department and is a partner with his dad in a registered Brangus operation. Bill also "owns land in Reno, Marion, and Jefferson Counties and leases land in Kiowa County. He operates commercial and registered cattle herds, as well as a yearling program."

And is he **really** retired? Yes, but "Kimmel will maintain a desk at the bank and will continue to check in each week to help with questions and problems." For now, according to First National Bank's newsletter, "it's traveling with Doris to Europe and then getting back into farm management again--for himself."



David Kimmel, patriarch and Dunkard minister, was born in Montgomery County, OH., April 2, 1826, the son of John M. Kimmel Sr and Esther Flory Kimmel. He married Leah A. Riegel January 18, 1849, in Montgomery County and died at McLouth, KS., November 2, 1897. Does anyone have a photograph of Leah they are willing to share, or other photos of David?

David and Leah Kimmel's children were Susan Riegel Kimmel Black, Josiah Regal Kimmel, Henry Harrison Kimmel, Sarah Elizabeth Kimmel Bowman, Martha Ann Kimmel Hummer, Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer, and Rose Kimmel Whitmer.

KIMMEL PUBLICATION AVAILABLE FROM COCALICO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cynthia Marquet, Librarian of the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley (PA) wrote to us recently about a publication of interest to Kimmel historians, particularly those of the Johann Jacob line:

"Some of the readers of the Kimmel Family News are undoubtedly aware of the availability of our 1992 journal, which contains Clarence E. Spohn's article entitled **The Kimmel Family of the Cocalico Valley.**"

"In the event that other readers might be interested," she writes, "the Journal is available from the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley, 249 West Main Street, Post Office Box 192, Ephrata, PA., 17522, for \$4.75 (\$4.00 to society members) plus \$1.50 for mailing costs.

Jan Tompkins sent off for a copy and has skimmed it. The book will be of most value to those of the Johann Jacob Kimmel line, but it does include a chart with basic genealogical information on all of Johann Michael Kimmel's children, and lists the children of each Johann Philip, Johann Valentine. Extended information about Johann Jacob's family is given, and there are some wonderful photographs of Jacob's stone house in Ephrata.

"The historic Kimmel house, built by Jacob Kimmel in 1790 and later used as a store and tavern, survives at 851 South State Street, Ephrata. This present-day [1992] bed and breakfast is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Althous who...have beautifully restored the Kimmel house."

The first two pages are devoted to early Kimmel history--Johann Michael and German roots, Gimbsheim and Ephrata connections, and the family's arrival in America.

On the pages following, Johann Philip (ours!) and his children rate a fat paragraph. "It does not appear that Johann Philip or any of his children were affiliated with the Ephrata Cloister other than a possible short stay there in 1751..." Some information about his family is given.

Three pages (including copies of some handwritten records) relate to Johann Valentine. He and his wife did have some connection to the Ephrata congregation.

Six pages (including copies of handwritten material) relate to Johann Jacob himself, and the remainder of the 45-page booklet is devoted to his descendants, to the family's involvement with the Ephrata Cloister, and to source information. The publication is nicely put together and appears to be very well researched.

ADMIRAL KIMMEL'S CASE IN THE NEWS AGAIN APRIL 27

April 27, 1995, is the date set for a private meeting organized by Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Strom Thurmond [R-SC]. At that time, according to a Hearst Service report appearing in the April 2, 1995, San Antonio Express-News, "The late admiral's two sons and three grandsons will make their case to Pentagon officials..." Kimmel descendant Shirley Baker Gelineau sent a copy of this news item to us.

The article, bearing the headline "Family trying to remove Kimmel's Pearl Harbor stain," indicates that in addition to Edward Kimmel and Thomas Kimmel, Admiral Kimmel's sons, "The Kimmel team also will include three historians whose recent writings portray Kimmel and Lt. Gen. Walter Short, his Army counterpart at Pearl Harbor, as victims of bureaucratic tangles that kept them in the dark about likely Japanese actions."

The three historians are identified as Edward Beach, John Costello, and Dr. Michael Gannon, professor of history at the University of Florida. "Also expected to attend the meeting at the Capitol are some of the 37 retired Navy admirals who have rallied to the Kimmel cause."

The news item continues, "At the other side of the table will be Deputy Secretary of Defense John Deutch--President Clinton's nominee for CIA Director--Navy Secretary John Dalton and Steven Honigman, the Department of the Navy's general counsel...Thurmond will be at the head of the table..."

Edward Kimmel is "a retired lawyer for the DuPont Co.," and 73 years old; his brother, Thomas, "83, is a retired Navy captain." They are hopeful that the 50-year-anniversary of V-J Day will see the restoration of their late father's Navy rank and a clearing of the historical record.

"The most recent denial came last December when President Clinton wrote the family..." However, the newspaper article continues, "...recent historians say their research shows that Kimmel was shortchanged, not necessarily by Roosevelt but by top Navy officials, including Adm. Harold Stark, the chief of Naval Operations, and Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner, director of war plans at the Navy Department..."

MORE PENNSYLVANIA LANDMARKS

by Tim Kimmel, Ft. Wayne, IN

The last issue of *Kimmel Family News* mentioned a bump in the road called Kimmel in Indiana County, PA. There are a couple more communities named for Kimmels:

One **Kimmel** lies in Milford Township in Somerset County, two miles northwest of New Centerville on Middle Creek (6 miles southwest of Somerset). And upstream from **Kimmel** (nine houses) in Somerset County, PA, branching north off Middle Creek is **Kimmel Run**.

There's another hamlet named **Kimmel** in Huntingdon County, west of Saltillo, PA. I found this one on a geological survey map. It's a tiny burg of about four families at the crossroads of T340 and State Road 994, just half a mile east of Jolier.

Kimmell Township in Bedford County, PA., was created from King and Union Townships in 1889 and named for Judge Francis M. Kimmell, who served as president-judge of the 16th district from 1852 to 1862.

Do Kimmel Cemeteries count? There's an old **Kimmel Family Cemetery** north of Elderton, PA.

A **Kimmel School**, no longer active, was once situated east of Shermans Dale in Perry County, PA, named for the family of Anthony Kimmel or his son Peter.

Whoa! Another **Kimmel School**! It sits on Bentz Mill Road, along the North Branch Bermudian Creek, two miles northeast of Bermudian in northern York County, PA. This was one of the old one-room schoolhouses and was active up to about 1950.

Also, there was once a **Kimmel Airport**, a private enterprise that is no longer active because the owner died. The airstrip sat on Kimmel land situated southwest of New

Castle, PA. It was a quarter mile back from the north side of State Road 351, west of State Road 551.



A TRIBUTE TO BETTY KIMMEL KEITH

Word comes from Garland and Naomi Rice Bowman Kimmel of the death of their daughter, Betty Bowman Kimmel Keith.

Betty died following open heart surgery January 28, 1995. Prior to that, she was in intensive care for 30 days fighting for life. Garland Kimmel, her father, has sent us a letter sharing some of his feelings about Betty.

"We have lost our way when we lost Betty. She was a vital part of our lives," he writes. "I have had her for 56 years of her 61," adding, "She paid me the utmost compliment when she wrote, 'Most any man can be a father, but it takes a special person to be a daddy.'"

Betty was born in Muskogee, OK., December 31, 1933. She was four when Naomi and Garland married December 10, 1938.

Her nurse training was at St John's Hospital, where she graduated in the top of her class. Soon after graduation she enlisted in the Navy.

After a two-year term she didn't re-enlist and soon married Jimmy B. Keith.

Betty always wanted children, so they adopted a boy and a girl, Misty and Douglas. They survive her. Jimmy died November 29, 1986.

Many of you will remember Betty as the one who brought her parents to the Kimmel reunion at McLouth last summer. In the last year of her life, Betty did volunteer nursing with terminal patients who had no money. "She knew it might be her last, but wanted to serve," Garland tells us. "She was a wonderful person."

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Betty Kimmel Keith in 1958 "while I was in the Navy in Memphis...with my little dog Weenie Von Burt."

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from our mailbag...



**HENRY H. & LYDIA
BOWMAN KIMMEL
DESCENDANTS:**

February news from **Ken & Janice Bower Tompkins**, who live in Columbia, MO.: "The first week of February

our son **Mike** and his wife, **Deanna**, flew off to the Virgin Islands for a week, to celebrate their 15th anniversary. That meant that **Kenneth** babysat the business, and I kept an eye on the kids.

I really enjoy my grandkids—**Shaun** is 13, and **Cassie** is 9—but by the end of 10 days, I was ready for **Mike & DeeDee** to come home. Since **Shaun & Cassie** have to catch the schoolbus early, I stay at their house nights and come home to work during the day. **Shaun**, by the way, is now 5'11, at age 13."

At the end of February Jan visited her dad, **Don Bower**, in Wichita, KS., and took in a Class Agent workshop at McPherson College. In May, she'll be going back again.

OUR SPIES ARE EVERYWHERE! Jan's old college roommate from McPherson sent news about **Marie & Charles Moffet's** family:

"Marie's oldest is getting married, either the end of May or early June, after she graduates from high school. Fine young couple. Also **Rachel** is Homecoming Queen. Her fiance, **Andy Taylor** (really) has asked Pastor Don about joining our church."

We have a nice fat letter from **Richard & Ruth Kimmel**, sent February 21 from Ft. Meyers, FL.: "I am sending \$5 each for me and my four children to cover the expense of the Kimmel News Letter." The addresses are listed above. "For family tree identification, **Richard** is the son of **Leslie & Nell Kimmel**. **Leslie** is the son of **Henry & Lydia Kimmel**.

"Richard retired in 1990 after 34 years' service

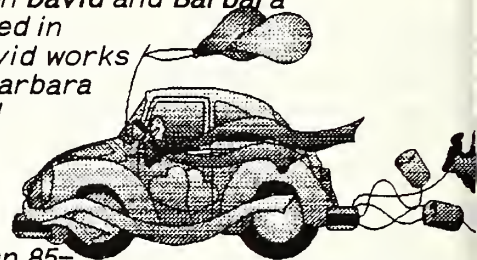
with Mobay Chemical Co., a subsidiary of Bayer Chemical of West Germany. Ruth retired in 1986 from Sears. Since then, we have been spending the winter months in Florida and the rest of the year in Kansas City.

"Daughter **Linda** is married to **James Peters**. They have two daughters, **Courtney**, who is 15, and **Megan**, who is 11. Linda teaches second grade in Turner, KS...and James works for Sprint.

"Daughter **Debra** is married to **Ralph Weant**. They have two children, **Dena**, who is 19, and **Dustin**, who is 16. Ralph works for Mobay, and Debra has a cleaning service.

"Daughter **Janet** is married to **Scott Arvidson**. They have three children: **Ryan**, who is 10, **Eric**, who is 5, and **Hanna**, who is 4. Scott works for Kansas City Southern Railroad, and Janet is busy as housewife and mother.

"Son **David** and **Barbara** were just married in March 1995. David works at Mobay, and Barbara works at United Missouri Bank.



"I am writing this from Ft. Myers, FL., on an 85-degree day in February. Cousin **Robert Kimmel** (son of Ray and grandson of Henry) and his wife, **Betty**, live here full time. My brother **James Kimmel** and his wife **Mary**, from McLouth, are here for 6 weeks. We all get together frequently for meals, shopping and visiting. Recent guests were **Byron & Ann Hayes** of Lyons, KS. (Ann is daughter of **Miriam & Vernon Kruse** and a great-granddaughter of **Henry & Lydia**.)

"I guess this is enough for this time. I want to congratulate and thank you for the very professional newsletter you publish. I especially appreciate the listing of names and addresses. We might look up some of these long-lost cousins if we travel in their neighborhood."

Janet Clark McCoy wrote March 6 from Linden, CA, mostly to help us straighten out our mailing records. "Thanks so much for the **Kimmel Family News**. You are doing a great job, and I really enjoy it!

"I'm also enclosing a check, which will hopefully bring me up to date on mailings, as I have never paid anything that I recall. Keep up the good work, and I shall look forward to the next issue!" Address corrections are shown above.



A March 7 note from **John & Mary Bower** of McLouth, KS.: "It was unseasonably warm last week. One day it was 80 at Grand Island, NE. That was the warmest ever recorded in February at that location, maybe in the whole state.

"It was 78 or 79 here. We loved it, but also worried that things would get started too soon and freeze in the cold weather which is sure to come yet. It was about 8 above this morning, with four inches or so of snow on the ground, which is as much snow as we have had at any time this winter.

"In 1989, Mary and I were married on a balmy Saturday afternoon. The next day, on our way to Arkansas on our honeymoon, we drove through a heavy snowstorm south of Kansas City. It closed schools the next day in central Missouri around the Lake of the Ozarks. However, we drove out of

it before we reached Branson, near the Arkansas line. Here, we don't expect much real spring weather until after Easter...

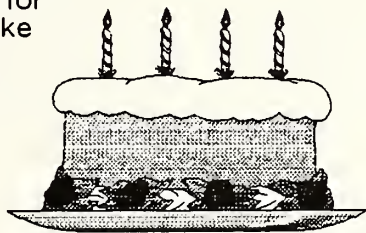
"We have been pretty well, though Mary had something 2 or 3 weeks ago, and I was puny over the week end. We continue to have good attendance at church, around 180 last Sunday, when we baptized three...If the present trend continues, we could be needing a larger building here...

"I don't see how Jan keeps all her newsletters apart, let alone getting them done... I know it was a job, though a labor of love, for me to get out one a couple times a year. But she can't do it unless some of us send her some news. Which reminds me I am about out of news and will sign off."

Big news in Atlanta, GA.! **David Mason** and bride-to-be **Gail**, a stained glass artist, plan an October 21 wedding. David is the younger son of **Virginia Bower Mason** of Stone Mountain, GA., and a hardware broker.

Virginia's elder son **Jack Randal Mason**, an engineer with Caterpillar in Joliet, IL., has a new title. He is now Coordinator of Special Orders, if my notes are right. **Diane & Randy**, and their children--**Jessica, Tiffany & Aaron**--who live at Plainfield, IL, plan to spend Easter week visiting in Stone Mountain.

In an early April phone call, Don told us he was getting ready to drive up to the farm at McLouth again to do some minor maintenance work for his tenants and take care of some business with his tenants.



He reportedly attracted some attention while clambering up ladders into trees with his chain saw. Don turned 86 on April 13.

In mid-May, his older daughter, **Virginia Bower Mason**, will be flying up from Atlanta to spend a week. And younger daughter **Janice Bower Tompkins** will be driving over from Missouri the same week to visit and to take in her 35-year class reunion at McPherson College.

JOSHIAH REGAL & MARGARET MAGILL KIMMEL DESCENDANTS:

From Golden, CO., comes Marlene Prigel's note: "Hello from Colorado! Just wanted to contribute to the newsletter expenses and let you know we enjoy receiving it.

"I am Marlin McPherson's daughter. We live in Colorado with three daughters, ages 17, 14 & 10. Our eldest daughter, age 20, goes to Texas Tech University. I am a pre-school teacher, and my husband, Don, an engineer. Thanks again for your efforts."

Miriam Kimmel Kruse of Little River, KS., very nicely sent along a newspaper clipping (see page 1) about **Wilmer David Kimmel's** retirement. "Thought this might be of interest for the newsletter. The last edition was fabulous--want to follow up on some of the information."

Winifred Kimmel Turner of Tonganoxie, KS., sent a March 7 note: "Enclosed is a check for \$5 to help with the expenses of the Kimmel Family News. You do a fantastic job of publishing the Kimmel News. The last edition was especially interesting!

"Do you remember staying at my parents' house when your folks needed a babysitter? **Claude & Myrtle Kimmel** were my parents. Keep up the good work." ["Fraid I don't remember being babysat, Winifred, unless it was your folks' house where my brother and I carried that poor cat around like a satchel, one holding his tail and the other the fur on his back. I hear that ever after that cat hid whenever kids came around.]

Lola Kimmel of Federal Way, WA., wrote us March 14: "We are enjoying your newsletter very much. I am sure the descendants who are not into genealogy are learning a lot.

"In regard to the two pictures [Johann Michael Kimmel & Johann Phillip Kimmel] in the last newsletter, I first ran across them in 1990 in a book at the DAR Library in Wash.

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Johann Michael

Kimmel is also listed as a Resident Juryman and Resident Judge in Gimbshheim. I will be going to the DAR National Congress April 17-23, and after I get back, I will get together several Kimmel wills that I have."

MARTHA ANN KIMMEL & CLEMENT HUMMER DESCENDANTS:

We have a short note from **Roy & Marjery Stollings** of Perryton, TX: "We enjoy the family newsletter so much. Thanks so much for all your work. Please continue to send it to us."

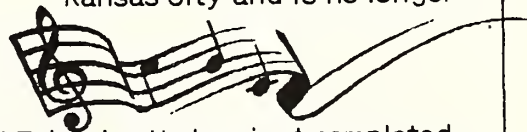
ROSE IVY KIMMEL & DANIEL WHITMER DESCENDANTS:

Paul K. Whitmer, whose letterhead describes him as an Economic Development Consultant, wrote us February 24, from Kansas City, MO.:

"First, a big thanks for the excellent job of editing the *Kimmel Family News*! I always enjoy reading it, although I am not in contact with members of the family. My dad, **Paul Kimmel Whitmer**, was the son of **Rose Ivy Kimmel**. He was a quiet man and talked very little about his family. So, what I read in your newsletter is always interesting to me.

"...First off, my oldest son **Timothy** has moved to Kansas City and is no longer

married... Tim is a musician and has an orchestra called **Tim Whitmer and Friends**. He has just completed his third CD and has five cassettes on the market. His specialty--jazz, Kansas City style.



"Another son, **Gary**, lives in Kansas City and is a project manager for **Butler Builders**. [Address updates are shown above for both Tim and Gary.]

"And still another son, **Brian Joseph Whitmer**, a very famous Chef of **Carmel, CA.**, is opening his own restaurant in **Monterey CA.** It is called "**Montrio**." He is the Chef and managing partner.



He has a brand new son, **Justin Paul Whitmer**. He also has a daughter, **Claire Marie**. His wife's name is **Tracy**."

OTHER KIMMEL COUSINS:

Cleve C. Kimmel of Billings, MT., wrote to us February 17: "Dear Cousins, I enjoyed reading the latest issue of your letter and am enclosing a short story about one of my ancestors. If it weren't for his thirst, I and a whole family chain would be absent."

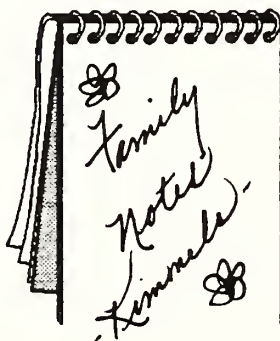
"The eldest son of William Kimmel (1820-1865 b Stark Co. OH), John enlisted at age 18, on January 28, 1865, in the 47th Wisconsin Infantry, to fight in the Civil War. He caught pneumonia during his cold weather training at Fort Harvey WI and died three weeks later, on February 23, 1865. His body was shipped home to Petersburg WI in a sealed casket."

"His father wanted to take one last look at his son, as apparently so did his brothers and sisters before burial. They caught some form of infection that at the time appeared to be mild, or at least un-noticeable. Later, in July, it turned out to be Black Measles. Black Measles is a rare form of measles, very dangerous, and characterized by hemorrhages into the skin. In the 1860's there was no cure..."

"All of the family members came down with the illness at the same time, except for William's wife, Elizabeth Stahl. Five children and William died within days of each other. Their bodies were wrapped in sheets, awaiting burial. After the bodies were removed, Elizabeth and a neighbor lady put the sheets into buckets of water and were preparing to take them outside to be washed."

"Henry, age 16, awoke and had a terrible thirst. He saw a bucket of water on the floor, went over to it and began drinking. The neighbor lady came in, and to her horror, she saw him gulping down the contaminated water. Much to her surprise, he immediately showed signs of recovery, so she gave the other three some of the water, and Henry, Mary Jane, Leo & David lived to found their families."

"I belong to the Henry Kimmel (1850-1930 b Richland Co. IL) side of the Kimmels. Although I have virtually all of the family records for William's families, including all daughters and their husband's families and ancestry, it wasn't until Frank Buser led me to Timothy Kimmel that I was able to complete my ancestry back to 1391. His record files have no equal in American history!"



"Incidentally, I have always been interested in Admiral Kimmel's life (since everyone correctly assumed that I was related to him), and until recently have never had an occasion to talk with anyone in his family. I recently spoke with Ned. He is truly a statesman!"

"In my meager amount of research, I found that after Secretary Knox's initial attack upon Admiral Kimmel's communication capabilities that led to an inquiry and his ultimate relief from command, years later, after much pressure from Admiral Kimmel's friends and colleagues, this same five-man committee, in total secrecy stated that they fully absolved Admiral Kimmel of any wrongdoing."

"But with the war in full swing, it was apparently deemed prudent to keep quiet about it, 'since in the interests' of America, no good could come from the acquittal by correctly assessing the failure to the really guilty person."

"The first time that this acquittal surfaced was when Truman was planning to run for President. He was admonished 'by the government' not to reveal this information, as it would be damaging to America to give additional information about code deciphering that was not known by the Japanese or Germans. He capitulated, and the files were immediately sealed so that this breach of confidentiality could not be made again; and I am told through literature searches that these files have apparently been lost. No surprise there!"



From Cheyney PA we have a February 18 note signed by G. Franklin Kimmel: "I would like to subscribe to the Kimmel Family News and enclose \$5 subscription cost. My copy of the January 1995 issue was full of recognizable names and events of our famous family. I hope to contribute to the News from time to time."

PS: "What does it take to get a copy of the issue previous to the Feb 1995 one? I enclose two stamps. Will that do it? If not, keep the stamps and think nice thoughts..."

A new Kimmel cousin, Lloyd Kimmel of Green City, MO., wrote February 27: "Thanks for sending us a copy of Kimmel News. We are interested... Am sending \$5 for a year subscription."

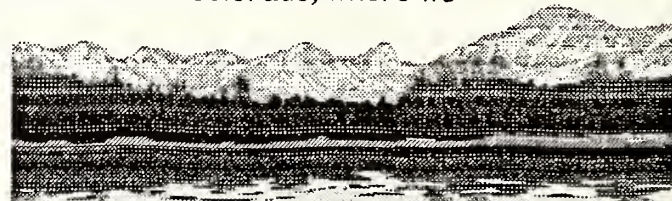
"My grandfather was Jonathan Kimmel, who was born May 10, 1859, in Mercer County, PA. Jonathan Kimmel's father was William Kimmel, who was born at Hastings, Germany, in 1826, situated on Rhine River. He came to America at an early age and settled in state of Pennsylvania. I don't know much about my ancestors."

Kimmel researcher and cousin Franklin Buser of Stroudsburg, PA, sent a fat letter on March 6: "We have received our second copy of Kimmel Family News, and now I'll be a customer. Check enclosed. Also enclosed a copy of my paper on the Singleton Kimmels which might be useful." [Look for this in a later issue.]

Frank also pointed out that I had wrongly placed him in Orwigsburg, PA. "I was born in Brown County, IN, and when four years old we moved to Wayne County, IN., where Jacob Kimmel, my great-grandfather, had moved from Orwigsburg around 1820. So then I was Frank Buser of Cambridge City, now of Stroudsburg, PA., where we moved in 1955 for me to be a professor in what is now East Stroudsburg State University."

"Retired in 1983 and have now put more than 200,000 miles on two campers. Visited Perry L Kimmel in 1992 and Peg Gehringer in 1989. Have visited Tim Kimmel in Ft Wayne, and he visited us and got a tour of Schuylkill County and its churches."

"Visited Donald Kimmel Bower in Wichita in '91. He wanted us to wait a week and attend the McLouth Reunion, but that night a tornado came through the southern part of the county we camped in. We headed out to Colorado, where we



were to meet 3 grandkids, daughter and son-in-law at the Great Sand Dunes near Alamosa, and along that way I visited Colonel Kimmel, a cousin

of mine that I knew lived in a suburb of Colorado Springs.

"My favorite visiting story has to be the one that occurred in the summer of '87 at Jackson, WY. With dental work to be done, I looked in the phone book and found **Ted Kimmel** living 10 miles west of Jackson. When I found him home and told him my grandmother's name was **Elizabeth Kimmel** of Indiana, the first thing I heard was 'I'm the grandson of **Admiral Kimmel**.' "We had a pleasant visit, and I went down the road thinking that I had been looking for something to keep the old retiree brain active, and what could be better than 'family-treeing' all people with the name and ancestry. Now, something like 170 charts have been donated to the Mormon Church..."

Frank is anxious for people to realize that his immigrant ancestor, **Jacob Kimmel** of Orwigsburg is not the same person as **Jacob Kimmel** of Ephrata, despite the fact that a book by Strasburger and Minke says differently.

"You come over here to the Reading, Berks Co., Court House and get one **Jacob Kimmel's** will in 1793, then go down to Lancaster, Lancaster County Court house, and get the other **Jacob Kimmel's** will in 1784, and you'll know very well that they weren't the same man. Both wills contained the names of nearly all the children of both Jacobs..."

"Well, I guess that just about does it for this communication. Always glad to work on any questions that come up, and plenty of them do."

From Frederick, MD, we have a March 24 note from **Kimberly Kimmel Cheney**. "I am writing to request more info on the Kimmel Family News. My maiden name is Kimmel, and we are from a German and Pennsylvania Dutch background..."

"My grandfather Kimmel's first name was **Lester**. I think but am not certain his father may have been a **Clarence**. My father was **LeRoy**. My grandparents were raised and had a farm in Orwigsburg, PA. My father lived there until he was in his late teens, then was in the army, then moved to Philadelphia...then moved to California...To sum it up, most of the Kimmels in our family are from Orwigsburg, PA..." **Kimberly**, whose mailing address is POB 1548, Frederick MD 21702-0548, would like more information on her branch of the Kimmel family. Can anyone oblige?

From **Todd & Kristin Kimmell** of Philadelphia, PA., we have a postcard dated March 8: "Hello. Please sign us up to your newsletter! Send to above address. The newsletter is a fun read." Todd is a film collector whose hobby was recently (1/25/94) featured in a Philadelphia Inquirer article. He runs a company called Mambo Movers and, with Kristin, also runs Lost Highways, a trailer and motor home club.

Ann Boney of Ft. Worth, TX (and our contact for the Kimmel-Reeder Family Association) wrote March 14: "Enclosed is a check for \$15 for three subscriptions—**Marie Boney**, **Ann Boney Alton**, **Wilma Pritchard**... Ann is our older daughter. Wilma's mother and my mother were sisters, daughters of **Benjamin David Kimmel** and **Jessie Pearl Reeder Kimmel**. Both Ann and Wilma are quite interested in family history. Best wishes."

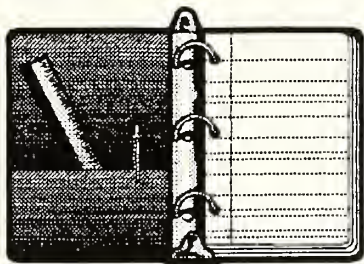
Bevan D. Kimmel of Lakeside-Marblehead, OH, wrote March 13: "Our son, **John**, gave me a copy of the Kimmel newsletter...Enclosed is a check for \$5 for year's subscription."

"My great-great grandfather's name was **Henry Kimmel**, born 1827 and died August 29, 1878. Henry lived in Liberty Township, Mercer Co., Ohio, where he was a farmer. He married **Susan Hines**, who was born in Ohio, March 18, 1846. Each census reported Henry was born in PA. I have not been able to find which line of Kimmels he came from. In the 1850 census there was a 74-year-old **Eliz** who lived with him. Don't know who she was.

"In the 1850 census in Liberty Township there was a **William Kimmel** born 1820 in PA. His wife **Elizabeth** was born in Ohio. Also there was a **John Kimmel** born 1828 in PA. He was married to **Mary Ann B.** who was born in Ohio. I don't know if they are related, but because of the year of birth they might be brothers, or maybe cousins.

"I would appreciate any help I can get. Are there any back issues of the newsletter that I might purchase?" [Limited numbers of back issues or, in some cases, xerox copies of back issues are available at \$1.50 each from the Editor.]

Shirley Baker Gelineau called from Texas on April 6 to say that she had seen a newspaper report "in one of the Hearst papers" to the effect that **Admiral Husband Kimmel's** two sons will be appearing with **Sen. Strom Thurmond** on April 27, again asking to have their father's name cleared and his stars returned. She suggested that a show of support in the form of letters, faxes and phone calls to Congress might be timely. (See page 2 for more information concerning the article she sent us.)



AND A GRONER COUSIN:

Duane Sawhill of Brewster, MA., wrote to us at the end of January: "After searching for years, I am finally making some progress with my Groner family. First, I now have a given name for my Groner 4g-grandmother, wife of **Christian Stoner**. It is **Barbara**! **Barbara** and **Christian** were married 28 October 1771 at St James Episcopal Church, northeast corner of Duke and Orange Streets, city of Lancaster. This I found in the recently published (1994) Lancaster Co. PA church records of the 18th century... I hope someday to connect **John**, **Barbara**, **Jacob** & **Valentine Groner** to **Johann Adam Groner**, a Palatine immigrant who arrived in Philadelphia the 11th day of September, 1738, on the ship 'Robert & Alice' from Rotterdam as recorded by **Ralph Strassburger**.

"Now to answer your question—'How are you related to us Kimmels?' The answer is, I am not. I am interested in the Kimmel family because at least seven of my ancestral family members married Kimmels and I'm desperately trying to sort them out..."

"With reference to **Elizabeth Musser Stoner** (1) her brother **Peter Musser** married **Sarah Kimmel**; (2) her sister **Anne Musser** married **Isaac Kimmel**; (3) her cousin **Elizabeth Brubaker**...married **Solomon Kimmel**; (4) her cousin **Sarah Brubaker** married **Abraham Kimmel**; (5) her niece **Julianna Musser** married **Jefferson Kimmel**; (6) her nephew **Peter Croner Musser** married **Sarah Kimmel**. With reference to **Jacob Stoner** (7) his cousin **Barbara Groner**[**Croner**] married **David Kimmel**..."

"With the receipt of your fine Kimmel Newsletter in November, I am now able for the first time to sort out these Kimmels. It was like having someone give me a road map after being lost for years. Incidentally, I wonder if **Sarah Kimmel**, wife of **Peter Musser**, mentioned above is a 'lost' daughter of **J. Philip** and **Anna Christina**?

"It is interesting to follow our Pennsylvania Dutch families as they migrated west. My 2-g-grandmother...moved to Ashland Co., Ohio, with her husband Nicholas Masters. Two generations later the family had moved to Kansas, where I was born and raised... I graduated from Kansas State Univ with BS and MS in Chemistry but my career took me to IL CT NY MA etc..."



Perhaps all Kimmels are musical? Perry L Kimmell of Aurora, IL, sent this poem, written in 1935 and dedicated to the Lambert Lloyd Kimmell family:

NEIGHBOR KIMMELLS

by Cal R. Phillippi

When tired, worn, and weary, and you want to get away
From the hustle and the rustle of the fretful, busy day,
Just to rest your soul and body where the restin's mighty fine,
Go to Kimmells, down near Brookville, just drop in 'most any time.

'Tis no tavern or a roadhouse; just a plain, old-fashioned home
Such as you may see quite often if you're one who cares to roam,
But there's somethin' calm and peaceful comes a-creepin' o'er the mind
Which will drive away your worries and leave care and gloom behind.

When you get the cheery greetin' of the folks when you arrive
And the hearty "Light, and enter" makes you glad you are alive;

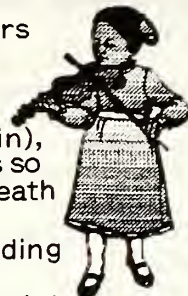
In the home are signs of comfort as the poet has expressed,

Where the wicked cease from troublin' and the weary are at rest.
Books and magazines and papers, and the music, I declare!

You will find some "music makin'" things strewn 'round most anywhere,
And you shudder as you wonder what a racket would be made



If these "music-makin' thingums" by some amateurs were played.



But when Pa takes up his fiddle (he don't call it violin),
And he twangs the strings so lightly while he rests it 'neath his chin,
And then Mother, too, deciding she will also take a hand,
Rubs her hands and walks right over to her handsome Baby Grand.

Perry comes from 'round the corner with a twittering clarinet,
And Bobby lays his book down and picks up his fine cornet;
And when all get tuned and ready, and Pa says, "Let 'er go,"
Folks, you're goin' to hear some music like you heard long years ago.

All the dear old tunes of childhood, you remember them so well
'Fore some fools, so-called composers, shot our music all to hell,
With their wild, discordant ravings, you have heard them— each one has—
When they changed the waltz and polka to the screeching mad-house jazz.

When you listen to the Kimmells and their little family band,
Makes you wish for more such places here and there all o'er the land.
They are keeping up traditions that too soon have passed away;

And all folks to them are neighbors in a friendly sort of way.

So whenever you get tired, or disconsolate, or blue,
And you think the whole world's "soured," no one fit to live but you,
Just drive over to friend Kimmell, sit and visit there a spell;
They will change your gloom to rainbows, and the whole world will seem well.

--Lincoln, NE, August 20, 1935.

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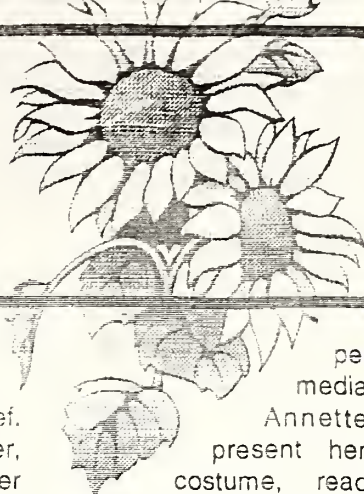
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a chronicle of Kimmel cousins

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WHITMER FEATURED IN 'ADVENTURES IN DINING' MAGAZINE

Adventures in Dining has lots of good things to say about Kimmel descendant Brian Whitmer in its Winter 1995 issue.

Kimmel cousin Marge Whitmer sent us a copy recently.



Brian Whitmer, as pictured in Winter 1995 issue of *ADVENTURES IN DINING*

Local chef Brian Whitmer earned an international reputation during the six years he was executive chef at the Highlands Inn, where his innovative regional cuisine was recognized by such publications as *Conde' Nast traveler*, *Bon Appetit*, *Gourmet*, *The Wine Spectator* and *Adventures in Dining*...., the two-page interview begins.

A native of Kansas City, MO., Brian started cooking to put himself through college," the article continues. "After discovering he 'had a knack for it,' he decided to become a chef."

Brian's experience includes distinguished restaurants in Kansas City, New York City, San Francisco, and elsewhere on the West Coast.

This past summer Brian left his position at the Highlands to open his own restaurant with Tony Toller.... Their new venture, called **Montrio**, located in a refurbished fire station on Calle Principal in Monterey, was expected to open in

February...."

Brian's wife, Tracy Maes, is also a chef. They live in Carmel and have a daughter, Claire. Brian is a son of Paul K. Whitmer of Kansas City and a descendant of Rose Ivy Kimmel and Daniel W. Whitmer.

ANNETTE McCOY WINS AT STATE COMPETITION

Fourteen-year-old Annette McCoy of Readington Twp. NJ, has been making her family proud. Recently she was awarded a state-level win in a national history contest.

An eighth-grader at Readington Middle School, Annette is the daughter of Tom and Marianne Sampson McCoy, granddaughter of Ray & May Tomlinson Kimmel, and great-granddaughter of Henry H. & Lydia Bowman Kimmel.

"Annette's one-person performance took a first place award in the recent state level competition of the National History Day contest held at William Paterson College," writes Emily Colo of the *Hunterdon County Democrat* in its June 29 edition.

"She and the other state winner in the individual performance category in the junior division," continues the article, "got a chance to compete against 64 other state winners from around the country this month in the national contest at the University of Maryland."

Annette's mother, Marianne is quoted: "The competition at the national level was 'unbelievable,' but Annette 'did very well,' though she didn't make it into the final rounds of the national competition.

The contest requirements as outlined in the *Hunterdon County Democrat* were tough, though. "Participants in the contest, which is open to students in grades six through 12, choose any historical topic for investigation."

Students could present their topic in the form of a paper,

performance or media presentation. Annette chose to present her narrative in costume, reading a letter written by a fictional Salem villager of the time to her sister in England.

"Besides writing and preparing her 10-minute performance, Annette also had to write a 500-word essay about the project and compile an annotated bibliography of the 20 sources she used."

Her research, which took her to such libraries as Princeton University and Trenton State College, turned up some interesting sidelights: "She found out she is distantly related to both one of the accusers and one of the accused involved in the trials."

At the national competition, "The contestants had fun trading state pins and buttons, and Annette said she collected 42 of them from 35 different states." The *Hunterdon paper* quotes her as saying, "The best thing was meeting all the people from all the different states."



Annette McCoy, 14, pictured in her role as a Salem villager in 1692.

Annette is also a budding poet, and we have a sample of her work:

ONE AMONG MANY

I am one among many,
Yet similar to none.
I walk my own path,
Though it travels beside yours.
I am not who you think I am,
For though I am all that I claim to be,
I have not yet claimed all that I am.
So I walk beside you,
As I do beside many.
Hearing much,
Saying little,
As I learn about you--
While you know nor care nothing
about me.
But when our paths diverge,
And I go my way,
As you go yours,
I will no longer be one among many,
But one with only myself.
And you will wonder who it was that
walked beside you,
Who learned things about you
That you never knew I knew.
And so I have stolen a part of you,
While you have none of me.
For you missed your opportunity to
learn and to know
When I was only one among many.

--Annette McCoy, 1995

A KIMMEL WHO PLAYED BASEBALL VERY WELL

by Janice Bower Tompkins

Little Leagues in Dayton, OH., are named after him, and at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, NY, a Kimmel descendant has his very own exhibit paying tribute to his years in the major leagues.

Since his induction in 1970 as one of only 224 Baseball Hall of Famers, Jesse's plaque has read:

JESSE JOSEPH (POP) HAINES
Cincinnati N.L. 1918
St. Louis N.L. 1920-1937

*Durable right-hander won 210 games,
lost 158--all in his 18 years with
Cardinals. Gained 20-victory class
three times. Tossed 5-0 no-hitter vs.
Boston, 1924. Defeated Yankees
twice in 1926 World Series. Led N.L.
in complete games (25), shutouts (6),
while posting 24-10 record, 1927.*

The Hall of Fame's yearbook shows Jesse in his Cardinals uniform and cites his career record and particularly mentions his knuckle ball.

He was 26 years old before he made it into the major leagues, but he stayed there for 20 years, some-where along the way earning the nickname "Pop."

A member of the legendary "Gas House



Jesse "Pop" Haines, Kimmel descendant and the St. Louis Cardinals' Iron Man.

Gang," during St. Louis' glory days, he played more years with the Cardinals than any other pitcher; Only Stan Musial wore a Redbird emblem longer.

Jesse was also the first pitcher to hit a home run in a World Series (1926)--pitching a shutout that same game against a Yankee team that included Babe Ruth.

Jesse Joseph Haines was born in Montgomery County, OH., in 1893. His parents, Althea A. Kimmel (1861-1918) and Elias Haines, were devout Brethren. Elias was an auctioneer.

Althea, Jesse's mother, was a daughter of Rev. Aaron Kimmel (b 1835), who was a son of Michael (1810-1878) and Catherine Armentrout Kimmel. (Our John M. and Esther Flory Kimmel thus were Aaron's aunt and uncle, and David Kimmel, born in 1826, was Aaron's first cousin.) Althea's great-grandparents were our own David Kimmel (1763-1827) and Barbara Croner (1774?-1842).

Elias and Althea had six children: Harry Roscoe Haines, Michael Myers Haines, Aaron Kimmel Haines, John Everett Haines, Orpha Susan Haines, and Jesse Joseph Haines.

My clipping from the June 12, 1929, *St. Louis Star* is missing a portion of a paragraph dealing with Jesse's siblings. All it says is: "and Everette, repairing and selling automobiles. The brothers, also, have succeeded their father as auctioneers. Mike, another brother, is in business in Laura, Ohio, and Aaron, also a brother, lives in Versailles, Ind. The father has retired from auctioneering and is an inspector with the city water company in Dayton. Haines' mother died in 1918."

Jesse married Carrie M. Weidner in 1915;

they had one daughter, Justa Leona Haines Rickert Mayes, born 1925. At the time of his Hall of Fame induction in 1970, Jesse had two grandchildren, "Barry, 20 years old, and Bobby, 16." In 1929 Jesse and Carrie built a house at 51 South State Street in Phillipsburg, and the two lived there for more than 41 years.

Newspaper accounts during his ball-playing days emphasized his country roots: "Was born in Clayton, O., small town not far from Dayton. Became a well-known driller with oldest of four brothers after finishing grade school. Kept his boyhood interest in game and pitched Saturdays and Sundays. Family moved to Phillipsburg, which Jesse still calls home, and he became successful pitcher with town team known as All-States says a 1934 account.

From a St. Louis paper: "Jesse, power on the Phillipsburg, Ohio town team, found it necessary to hide his uniform in a corncrib on playing days, carry it to

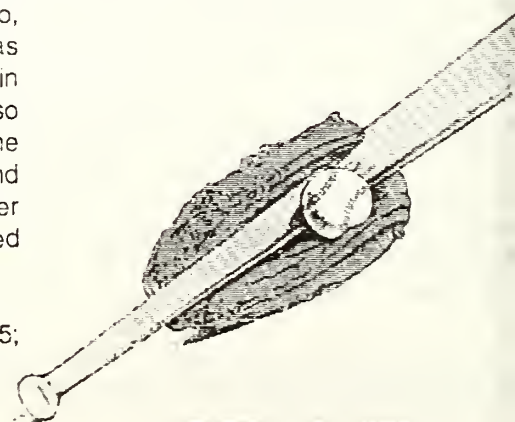
convenient corncrib where he shed his overalls in favor of the wool stocking spiked shoes, and gaudily colored uniform. After the game he would return to the spot to change his clothing again for Jesse's parents frowned on Sunday baseball."

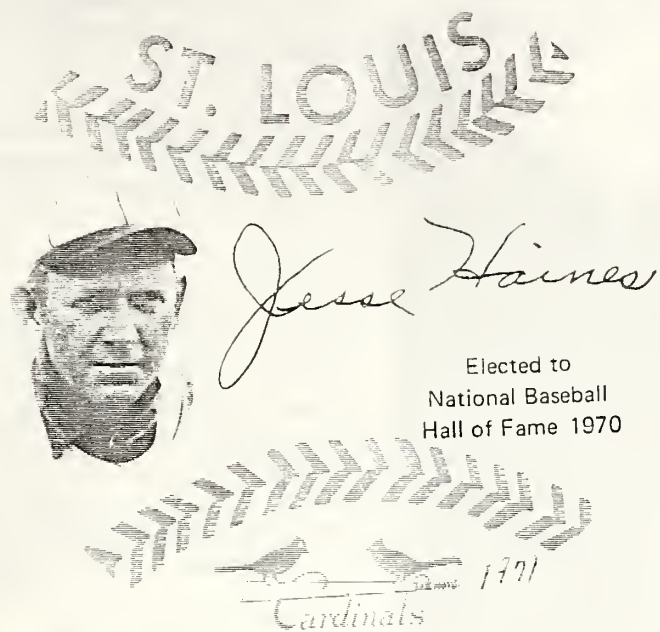
The New York Times outlined his early career in their 1928 sports page: "Haines was... raised in the little town Phillipsburg, OH., married a girl he went to school with in that time, and, in partnership with his brothers, runs a garage there at this time.

"Jess might be said to be a Phillipsburg institution. When a boy he pitched for his home town team, then known as the *Stars*. Later he went to Dayton and pitched for a semi-pro team for the magnificent pay of \$2.50 per game.

"The next year Haines was hired by the 'Lily Brews' of Dayton, then the best club in the city. 'This brewery also made the best beer in town,' declared Haines. Haines pitched in all three of the championship games that fall and allowed one run in the three contests.

"The following winter, which was in 1911, Haines signed his first professional baseball contract at the age of 21, with the Fort Wayne Club of the Central League for \$135 a month. And then, just





Elected to
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Ruth was listed as coach), then left baseball to become a auditor for Montgomery County, OH. (an elective office), from 1938-1965.

It was while he was pitching for the Cardinals that he perfected his noted knuckle ball--a pitching style which often left him with sore fingertips following a game.

"Now, in throwing the knuckle ball," Jesse told the *St. Louis Star*, "it leaves the hand over the right fore-

finger with such force that, if it is pitched often enough it will wear the skin from that finger. I never use it, save in an emergency, for it is a 'tight-place' ball.

"On that day," referring to his being relieved by teammate Grover Cleveland Alexander for the eighth and ninth innings in the 1926 World Series, "I pitched it again and again, and in the seventh inning my right forefinger was raw and bleeding...." It was his third World Series appearance in eight days.

Sports commentator Red Smith described him in 1970: "He was a country boy out of southwestern Ohio and he loathed cities. The fleshpots didn't interest him, one suit of clothes was all he needed.... He couldn't wait, he would say, for the season to end so he could get back home, where you could stand in the doorway at sunrise and hear a quail whistling or stand there at twilight and watch the dog bring the cows in for milking...."

Six foot tall, "He did have a more or less fatherly appearance and manner. He was friendly in an undemonstrative way. His eyes gazed pleasantly, as a rule, out of nests of tiny wrinkles. His voice was quiet and his language tempered, except when blistered and bleeding fingers drove him out of a game. Even then, he wasn't sore at anybody. He just hated not to finish a job he had started."

About his upbringing, according to Harry Brundidge of the *St. Louis Star*, Jesse said, "...As a matter of fact, I never took a drink of liquor in my life. I learned better at home.

"I guess the greatest thrill I ever got out of baseball game was in the World's Series of 1926 when my father, who had opposed my playing ball because I had to play on Sunday, sat in the grandstand with my brothers and rooted louder for me than any other fan in the park."

BASEBALL CARD COLLECTORS?
Yes, there are Jesse Haines baseball cards out there somewhere. Dr. James Beckett's *The Sport Americana Baseball Card Alphabetical Checklist* lists the following cards for Jesse: 21Exh-66; 32 Orbit/un-28; 33G-73; 40PB-227; 61F-40; 80SSPC/HOF; 89Pac/Leg-208; 91Conlon/Sport-43; 92Conlon/Sport-358; 92Conlon/Sport-647; E120; E121/120; E210-30; R305; R316; V100; V354-44; V355-93; V51-103; W501-76; W513; W573; W575

Code meanings are given in Beckett's book.

1795 KIMMELL HOUSE NOW A BED & BREAKFAST

From Ephrata, PA., comes a note and a great color photo sent by Maggie Althouse, who operates the Kimmell House Bed & Breakfast in Lancaster Co., PA:

Greetings from the Kimmell House, corner of Old Mill Road and South State Street in Ephrata, PA!

Two date-stones (one 'Esther Kimmell', one 'Jacob Kimmell') verify that the house was built in 1795. This past 4th of July, our family--17 of us--gathered to celebrate the birthday of this grand old Georgian sandstone home.

We are not Kimmell kin but have lovingly restored the homestead, purchased in 1966 in a sad state of neglect. My husband, an architect, predicts 200 more years of existence for this historic dwelling if it is kept under a sound roof.

Having lived here all these years, I can assure you that there are no ghosts in residence! George Washington was serving his second term as President in 1795 and did spend time in Lancaster County, but there's no proof that he slept here.

An Indian door, shutters that secured from the inside, and iron supports for barricading exterior doors indicate that the builders felt in need of protection, probably from Indians canoeing down the Cocalico Creek at the rear of the property.

The Kimmells were householders in good standing at the historic Ephrata Cloister nearby, which is now maintained by the state of Pennsylvania with tours available year round.

In 1811, the Kimmells petitioned for and obtained a permit to operate a "house of entertainment," the term then used for an inn. A large addition, also of sandstone, was added around that time.

Many visitors, especially Kimmells, have

when the skies were bright and the band was playing its merriest tune, the young pitcher broke his finger in batting practice. He was shunted by the disgusted Fort Wayne manager to Saginaw in the Michigan League, where he received only \$115 per month. 'But I wanted to play ball so badly,' declared Haines, 'that the salary meant but little to me.'

"He was batted out of the box the first time he pitched for Saginaw and found, after X-ray examination, that the broken bone in his finger had not mended properly. He had it fixed and then went ahead and did right well in the Michigan League....

"When he went back the next year primed for his best work, the league blew up after the season was a month old. He was taken ill with diphtheria and went home. When he recovered he found that he had been sold to Detroit. He was all in that summer from his sickness so he did not even get a trial with the Tigers..."
By that time he was 23.

There followed stints with Springfield, OH., and Topeka, KS. Cincinnati signed him, but he pitched for the Reds in only one game--five innings--in 1918, then was released to Tulsa, where he "couldn't win," though his record was six wins out of 14.

Then he was traded to the Kansas City Blues, where "he won 21 [of 26] and the Tulsa manager is still sore last we heard," wrote Ken Smith, Director of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

In fact, when the Cardinals bought his contract for the then impressive sum of \$10,000, the Tulsa manager bet that Haines wouldn't last with the Cardinals till June. "That was 1920, and he was still there in June, 1937."

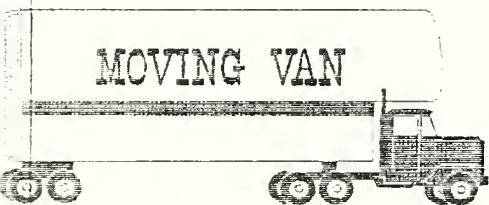
According to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, "The biggest salary he ever made was \$12,500, although his series checks occasionally augmented that figure." After his retirement as a pitcher, he coached in 1938 with the Brooklyn Dodgers (apparently at the same time as Babe



come to our home and shared data and memories of times past. We are proud and happy to have played a part in the saga of Kimmell House and enjoy living here.

In your April issue, you devoted several paragraphs to Volume XVII of the Journal of the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley. This issue is entirely devoted to the Kimmell family. I would encourage your readers to send for a copy. This Historical Society's address is 249 W. Main St., Ephrata, PA. 17522.

Kimmell House is at 851 South State Street, Ephrata, PA 17522. (Phone 717-733-6358.)



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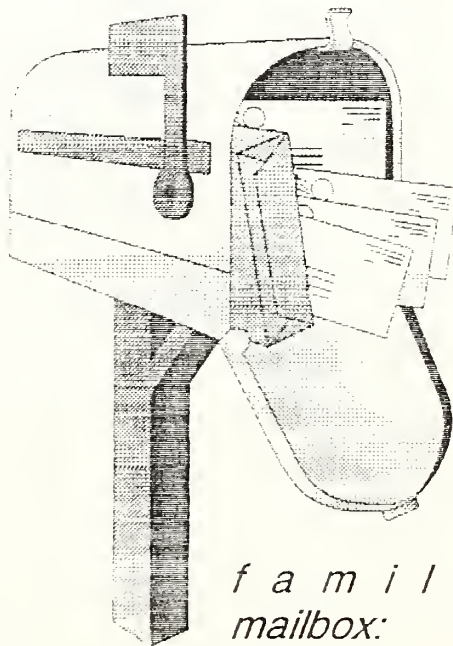
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Mary Ann Kimmel & Andrew Whitmer descendants:

June 29 **Marge Whitmer** of Modesto CA sent us photocopies of the article about cousin **Brian Whitmer** (of the other

branch of Kimmel Whitmers--Rose I. Kimmel & Daniel Whitmer), together with a note:

"I haven't sold my trailer and truck yet but do have an ad coming out August in some of the travel magazines.

"I spent about 10 days in Kansas in May. Visited with Gordon & Betty Bower, also John & Mary Bower. Had a really good time and saw several of the relatives.

"Gordon & Betty took me to visit several places and we sorta toured downtown KC MO. John & Mary took me several places. I had a good time good food and great people. You can ask for more than that.

"I went on to visit my sister in Chattanooga, TN, and relatives in San Antonio TX. I am house sitting for friend for the summer. I stay pretty busy and enjoy myself.

"You put out an interesting letter and very well done. Keep up the good work."

Josiah R & Margaret Magill Kimmel descendants:

Nancy McPherson Ott wrote to us July 13:

"We certainly appreciate receiving the *Kimmel Family News* here in Billings, MT. Helps us keep in touch.

"I am the granddaughter of **Ruby Cora (Kimmel)** and **Walter G. McPherson** and daughter of **Willard and Mable McPherson**.

"My husband, **Butch**, is President of the Billings Chamber of Commerce, and I am an Administrative Officer with First Interstate Bank of Commerce - West Billings Office.

"Our son **Shane** and his wife, **Joy**, also reside in Billings. Our family enjoys the lifestyle of the Northwest and we encourage you to give us a call when traveling through Montana."

Winifred Kimmel Turner of Tonganoxie KS., was profiled in the *Lawrence Journal World* recently, and cousin **John Bower** sent us a copy.

Winifred is a daughter of **Josiah Kimmel's** son **Claude David**. She and husband **Robert Turner** have three children--**Karen Turner Pence** of Manhattan, KS., **Sandra Turner** and **Bob Turner**, both of Topeka, KS.

Henry H. & Lydia Bowman Kimmel descendants:

On April 27 Alice King Gualco sent a note from San Francisco, CA: "Well, things are going very good for all of us in California. My husband Frank, who has Parkinsons, seems to be doing fine and with the help from our Lord he will remain strong. Everybody else seems to be doing fine also."

"The weather in San Francisco is good one day and bad the next. Thankfully there has been no disasters around here lately."

"Well, my best wishes go out to all the Kimmel relatives. May God bless you all."

Louis Kimmel wrote us recently from Fox, OK: "I have been receiving the *Kimmel Family News* for some time. I really enjoy it. My daughter Paula Clark [see above] would like to be on your mailing list. Enclosed please find a check for \$10 for our dues."

"We are descendants of David & Leah Riegal Kimmel. Where could we find a family tree?" [We sent him what we have.--Ed.]

Robert & Betty Kimmel sent us a note and a check May 19 from Ft. Meyers, FL: "Thanks for sending the *Kimmel Family News*. I will try and send some news soon."

"The W4P1W is my amateur radio call letters." Any hams out there?

Charles & Marie Kimmel Moffet of Ozawkie, KS., this summer formally announced the impending marriage of their daughter, Rachael Marie, to Andy Lee Taylor, son of Robert & Beverly Taylor of Oskaloosa, KS.

The announcement, carried in the *Oskaloosa Independent*, said vows were to be exchanged June 24 at the Topeka Church of the Brethren.

In addition to Rachael's grandparents, Bill & Mildred Kimmel, and Marie's twin sister and family, Maria & Earle West from Deerfield Beach, FL, were among those who attended the wedding.

Our spies in Jefferson County, KS., tell us that William H. & Mildred Landis Kimmel (Marie Moffet's folks) have bought a lot to build their retirement home on in Ozawkie.

While Bill & Mildred's official address has been White Pine, TN., they are volunteers for Brethren Disaster Relief, and their work has taken them to the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico in recent years.

From Fox, OK, we have a May 29



letter from cousin Louis Edmonds Kimmel, whose home was struck by a tornado recently! "The tornado that did so much damage at Ardmore OK did miss us, but the one last Tuesday evening hit our home with terrific force."

"The winds were clocked at 90 mph. There must have been a twister with it by the looks of things."

"My carport (16'x 24') ended up in my backyard after going over the house. It took the roof off of the north bedroom and part of the roof of the living room. It hit just over our kitchen, and the roof caved in. The lights

Librarian for the people

● For 26 years, Winnie Turner and the Tonganoxie Public Library have gone hand in hand.

BY RIC ANDERSON
JOURNAL-WORLD WRITER

TONGANOXIE — In a library so small that two people couldn't fit in an aisle, Winnie Turner found her place.

After 26 years as head librarian at the Tonganoxie Public Library, the 74-year-old Turner is settled in. She's supervised a move to a larger facility and become a local Institution of sorts herself.

"I enjoy it very much," Turner said of her duties. "It's a joy to work in this community. It's one of the best — and I say that even though I'm not even running for office."

Her graciousness is at least partly rooted in her surroundings: the city's 4-year-old public library, 305 S. Bury, funded by a \$350,000 bond issue and half-cent sales tax increase passed in 1990.

Through much of a recent interview, she praised Tonganoxie residents and leaders for supporting the building, which is five times larger than the 1,200-square-foot, one-room library where she began her career.

Turner said she also is grateful for the opportunity to combine two of her key interests — reading and teaching — in her career. Turner, a McLouth native, taught elementary school before she turned her attention to raising her three children: Karen, Sandra and Bob.

Karen now works in the human ecology department at Kansas State University; Bob is a warehouseman for Kimart; and Sandra is an elementary school teacher in the Shawnee Heights school district.

In 1967, Turner began serving on the Tonganoxie library board. Two years later, city officials asked her if she'd be interested in serving as head librarian. She applied, was hired and started her career in micromanagement.

"There was just barely room between the shelves for people to pass each other," she said, recalling the old building at Fourth and Delaware streets.

There are more stories. She recalled sharing the building with the city police and fire departments, and how a good turnout for children's story hour would strain the build-

"It's a joy to work in this community. It's one of the best — and I say that even though I'm not even running for office."

—Winnie Turner

ing's occupancy rating under city fire codes.

"We were lucky nothing ever happened," she said.

Today, Turner has 6,000 square feet in which to stretch out. She's helped build the library's collection to nearly 13,000 books from the 8,000 volumes that were in the

old building when it closed. Videotapes, audiotapes and computerization also have been added.

"You try to get something to please everybody," she said.

Turner, who enjoys biographies and best-selling novels, has less time to read for pleasure than she did four years ago. That's because at age 70, her work schedule went from three days a week — the only days the old library was open — to five.

Still, she isn't complaining. She's helped by a part-time librarian and a volunteer crew that includes her husband, Bob, a retiree who spent 27 years working for the Job Service Center in Lawrence.

Asked what keeps her going, she said: "I think it's just the love of the work. You feel like you're doing a service for the community."

UP CLOSE

WINNIE TURNER

What's your favorite book?

"That's hard. I like Sidney Sheldon. It's light reading, but it really holds your attention."

What's the secret of a rewarding career?

"To enjoy what you're doing. And try to be a good listener."

What would you do if you weren't a librarian?

"I'd probably teach school. That's my other favorite thing."

What's the best advice you've ever received, and who gave it to you?

"I don't want to sound like I'm skirting the question, but I've had a lot of good advice from other librarians. When we get together, you find out you're not the only one who has overdue books."

PROFILE

went off and the rain and wind came in.

"We were both five feet from the kitchen and were not harmed. A very large tree next to the carport was sheared off. We

Cousin Louis Kimmel of Fox, OK., age 73 (1995)



have been to the ceiling several times this year, but we let this one slip up on us. The good Lord watched over us as He has done so many times. Praise the Lord!

We will get things patched up, and life goes on. Not much

compared to Oklahoma City. That was a terrible sight! We were there the day before it went down. I heard today that they had found the last three that they knew were in the building...."

Newly moved to Seattle WA., **Sharron Bower McGill** (formerl of Wicht KS) sent us a nice long letter July 7 about their combination sightseeing/moving trip: "Here's the scoop on things so far...

"We saw lot of e utiful countr on our drive to Seattle. We drove north through Salina and made it to just the other side of Fort Randall Dam in South Dakota our first day on the road (Monday)....

"On Tuesday we found a rest stop early in the day near Chamberlain, SD... with an incredible view of the Missouri River. It was beautiful! During the same day we toured the SD Badlands.....

"On Wednesday we visited Mt Rushmore. Then we had lunch & took a hike around Sylvan Lake... We found a marine life aquarium and a little Swedish "Chapel in the Hills" just outside of Rapid City SD. We spent the night in a little cabin called Robin's Roost, with a running brook nearby.

"We were in the truck for quite a long time on Thursday. The drive across Wyoming was not eventful until we entered the Big Horn National Forest. **Gary** took us up over Granite Pass (9033 ft). The Budget truck had quite the workout! We stopped somewhere near the top of the pass & had a snowball fight!

"On our way down the other side of the pass, we found Shell Falls. **Jennifer** took lots of pictures because it was so beautiful. We had supper and spent the night in Cody, WY.

"Friday morning we headed for Yellowstone National Park. **Jennifer** spotted corrals of horses every-where. Just inside Yellowstone Park we had to

pass thru 9.6 miles of road construction... Through the road construction we passed by two small lakes... I can't begin to describe how beautiful this lake was. It was surrounded by snow covered mountains and just picture perfect!

"...We hiked through Geyser Basin Trail, which had numerous hot springs pools and the odor of sulfur. We stopped and had lunch, then hiked around the area where Old Faithful was. After Old Faithful we went back to get the truck and were ready to head out of the park.

"We passed through some more beautiful country. Artist Canyon, little valleys with small lakes and grazing buffalo. Our last stop in the park was the Mammoth Hot Springs Trail. We had spent the entire day in the park and we were tired! We had supper in a little town just outside of the park called Gardiner. Then we drove on to Bozeman, MT, where we spent the night.

"Saturday we spent the whole day driving across the rest of Montana, Idaho, and halfway across Washington....

"We gave the truck another workout on Sunday. We drove up over Snoqualmie Pass (only 3000 and some feet this time). We also stopped to view Snoqualmie Falls... Then we finished our drive into Seattle....

"We found our house just after 2 PM.... We unloaded everything but the biggest items (like the couch, fridge & dryer). One of the students who works at the IMA [where **Gary** is on staff for the University] came over and helped with the big items. By the time we went to bed, we were worn out!

"...On Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday I helped **Gary** out with his part-time job stocking items at several grocery stores. In the afternoons, **Jennifer** & I worked at putting things away in the house. I'm learning to drive around a bit. I know how to use I-5 to get back and forth to the IMA, as well as a couple of the grocery stores we work at, and the K-Mart.

"**Gary** had the whole day off Sunday, so we took our blanket and books over to Green Lake (just a couple miles from our house) to read, relax and enjoy the sun. I was amazed at the number of people who passed by on the bike path.

"**Jennifer** and I like the house. It's up on a little hill, so you have to walk up about 8 steps, and then you go thru a little wooden gate. There are flowers all around the yard, as well as a small garden in the backyard. There is a privacy fence and a tree house.... **Jennifer** & I realize it's only temporary thru mid-September, so we will enjoy it



The McGill family packs up to move to Seattle.

while we can!"

Don Bower of Wichita, KS. wrote in June: "I spent much of last week and some this week in the yard and garden. I reset about 2/3 of a large iris garden. Some clumps had become quite large. At least three bunches of this year's blooms reach shoulder height! No particularly large flowers, but extra long stems. I also reset my strawberries into new rows. Since it quit the daily rains of course, I had to water a daily."

Memorial Day week end he drove to McLouth and spent several days repairing storm damage to the camper trailer he keeps at what was the **Earl Bower** farm at McLouth.

Daughter **Janice Tompkins** drove over from Columbia, MO., to decorate the family cemetery (McLouth, Hardy Oak, Wild Horse) with **Don**.

"My dad drove me to Oskaloosa what he called the 'Josi Kimmel route,' **Jan** says, "and pointed out the farms where various Kimmel cousins had lived along the way." Apparently, children the Bower boys were surrounded by Kimmel cousins adjoining farms.

Cousin **John Sanders** of McLouth drove down on his 6x4 John Deere Gator to chat while **Don** was there.

Last month **Don's** family celebrated two birthdays once--son **Fred Bower** turned on July 18, the day after his son **John Frederick** turned 33

Don passed on news of granddaughter **Mary Catherine Barnett** (**Sharron Bower McGill** little sister and **Fred Bower** daughter), who lives in Phoenix AZ.

Cathy's teenaged son, **Sha Barnett** began working American Express (through Western Temporary Services) February.

"Last year **Wendy [Barnett]** Cathy's daughter, "ran in a

District Run at North Canyon High School and came in first," proud Grandpa Don reports. "She has a plaque."

Wendy, he says, played her clarinet with her band class at the high school auditorium in their first concert back in December.

Last month, Don reported, grandson Jack R. Mason, an engineer with Caterpillar, Joliet, IL, took his whole family--Diane, Jessica, Tiffany & Aaron--off to a week's Baptist family camp in northern NY.

Miriam Kimmel Kruse of Little River, KS., sent a July 14 letter: "Knowing full well how important it is to have material supplied to you I'm sending... copies of work by and about Annette McCoy (14 yrs)... daughter of Marianne & Tom McCoy... We've been sweltering in this heat and know it's moved your way."

From Flemington NJ comes a July 18 letter from Marianne



Sampson McCoy, who sent along copies of some articles relating to Pearl Harbor and Admiral Kimmel from the December 1991 issue of Naval Institute Proceedings. She also wrote us:

"Enclosed is a copy of some articles about Admiral Kimmel that my father-in-law gave to me when we visited him in June.... It thought some of the Kimmel relatives would be interested in some of the information in these articles. [We'll try to use these in a future issue.--Ed.]

"I am Betty Sampson's daughter, Ray Kimmel's granddaughter, and Henry Kimmel's great-granddaughter.

"My husband is the managing director of Sealand Logistics, Inc., a small logistics company that does business worldwide and is associated with the CSX Corporation. We have two children, Annette, age 14, and Timothy, age 12.

"We will have a new address as of mid-September.

My husband's office is moving to Charlotte, NC. [New address is given above.] We enjoy the Kimmel newsletter."

From Federal Way, WA., Lola Kimmel, wife of Kenneth Kimmel and a serious genealogist, wrote us a note: "Yes, Joseph & Mary [Flory] were the Flora-Flory-Fleury immigrant ancestor for us.

Maybe the [Flory] newsletter can give us further info on Joseph & Mary before

coming to PA. It is my understanding that they were Huguenots from France. It would be nice to have some documentation for this.

"Enclosed are several obits, wills, etc., to use as you see fit. I am going to check with Mary Bower, McLouth, KS., to see if David, Josiah, & Walter Kimmel left wills or estate papers if they died intestate. Josiah is "Riegel" not Regal."

Lola sent us copies of great material--a copy of the Will of David Kimmel (1763), a biographical sketch of David Kimmel (1826) from an 1898 local history, and some super material on Josiah Regal Kimmel. Look for it in future issues.

Ken & Janice Bower Tompkins are moving, too, but only a few miles. Sometime this month, whenever the remodeling work on their "new" old house and shop is finished, they'll be packing things down to the south part of Columbia, "just barely outside the city limits."

Jan says Ken is the one you can hear muttering things like, "You just get your shop the way you want it, and your wife makes you move."

Ken & Jan expect their move to be complete by September 1. "If we're not moved by then, we'll check the new mailbox everyday anyway," Jan says.

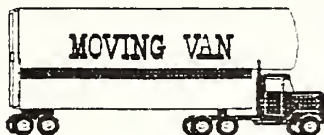
In July sister-in-law Marilyn Griffin Bower came with her mother and sister to visit Ken & Jan for a couple of days. "We made them look at our new houses and some of the old ones, and Marilyn got pictures taken."

Also in Columbia, MO., the Mike Tompkins family spends their spare time energetically. This summer they've hiked and biked and jogged and canoed regularly. One of their summer bike trips was more than 40 miles, from McBaine, MO., down to Jefferson City via the MKT Trail, and all four--Mike, DeeDee, Shaun & Cassie made it!

Shaun celebrated his 14th birthday June 3, and Cassandra turned 10 August 1. Cassie started piano lessons this summer, and Shaun (5'11") has started playing basketball.

They also spent a week at Granby, CO., visiting with their Miller kin, and more hiking and biking.

John Bower wrote from McLouth, KS., July 24: "I have finally got my church history book in print, and hope to do more genealogy myself. Mary and I have been trying to find some things for Lola Kimmel.



Mary and I have news. We are driving a new car--a '94 Chrysler LeBaron, and thereby hangs a tale. Our little Plymouth Reliant had 71000 miles on it, and we had begun to look for a replacement--something with less age and more room in the back seat. But not right away.

"But that all changed on June 29 at 8:30 in the morning. We were on our way to Iola [KS] to visit some cousins of Mary. On US 59 in North Lawrence, we met an ambulance with lights flashing and siren blaring. I worked as far to the right as I could and braked down from 35 MPH which I had been doing and which is the speed limit on that street.

"Suddenly, WHAM!! we were rear-ended with such force it put a permanent tilt of at least six inches in the backs of the front seats and crumpled the back end of our car forward into the back wheels, 'totaling' the car. We had been hit by a 1985 Olds Delta 88, built like an army tank. The police report recorded a skid mark of 44 feet, which is pretty much on a 35 MPH street. The police officer was very thorough but kind and considerate. He did not give the woman who hit us a ticket but his report makes very clear her responsibility.

"Mary suffered a severe whiplash. I just felt tired and sore in the upper back. The officer wanted to call an ambulance and send Mary to the hospital, but she refused. I didn't know how much she was hurt, and we both feel our chiropractor is the first doctor to see for spinal injuries. But things move slowly. After help from a wrecker, I drove the car to the dealer from whom we bought it and called State Farm.

"But it was well into the afternoon before we were able to get a rental car, and the next day before we could get to the doctor's (Hobart Hull, Mary's brother-in-law, and his son, David) in Shawnee, a Kansas City suburb. They already had x-rays of us, to compare with new ones. I had more injury than I thought, but Mary's neck was really messed up. Apparently she was looking sideways when hit.

"She is much better now, and I am about back to normal, but it takes time. What with going to the doctor--an 80-mile round trip--and car shopping, we didn't get much else done for a week or so.

"We did ride in style. The only rental car available with the 4th of July week end coming up was a new Lincoln Town Car. \$35,000 is 'way too much to spend for a car, but it was some automobile, especially after I figured out what most of the buttons were for.

"Now we are getting ready for the annual Threshing Bee. As for some 35 years past, I will hold a church service on the grounds Sunday morning."



"...We went to Rachael Moffet's wedding. It was beautiful, and the rain held off till evening. Bill & Mildred were here, as well as Maria & Earle and two children."

"Your Dad [Don Bower, 86] was up here some weeks back, trimming up and burning brush around the place. For the first time he sounded like he might be seriously considering selling the place. Watching him work, I think he is a better man than I am."

"By the way, we had three inches of rain week before last, and corn looks good. Soybeans are a month late, but growing. Everything is still green. But 107 degrees is a lot hotter than it was 60 years ago!"

NEW ADDRESS FOR THE KIMMEL NEWSLETTER:

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KIMMEL FAMILY NEWS
325 West Hickam Drive
Columbia, MO 65203

Phone number will remain 314-442-1498; however, our new fax number will be 314-443-0476.

other Kimmel cousins:

Perry Kimmell of Aurora, IL., sent a note May 1: "Again, I say 'thank you.' Pat and I appreciated the figures around the poem."

Mary R. Gray wrote us May 17: "My mom, Dorothy Schulz, had been working on the Kimmel family since the 1970's. She passed away in July 1989. She had written hundreds of letters to people (Kimmels) all over to get her Kimmel family together. Her system was different than what I would have done with this massive family, but it worked for her. Anyway, I inherited all her genealogy, and it has taken me a while to go through all her files. I wrote to a Perry Kimmel in Aurora IL who my mom had corresponded with (her and his branch the same up to & including Abraham & Susannah (him 1780-?), and he sent me a copy of your January 1995 newsletter. I am enclosing \$5 for a year's subscription."

"My 3rd g-grandmother was Eliza(beth) Kimmel born 1814 to Abraham & Susannah. I have no documentation of Eliza's that says her parents were Abraham & Susannah. The clue I have is that Eliza Kimmel Hughes Lovett lived next door to an Aaron Kimmel in the

1860 Indiana census...

"My main wish is to find out the marriage of **Abraham & Susannah**, her maiden name and what happened to them, when and where they died?? Can you help me on this? I am sending you family sheets of what knowledge my mom and I have accumulated and if you can make any additions or corrections I would appreciate it."

On page 6 of your January 1995 newsletter a lady mentioned pictures of "the old homesteads." I would love to have that particular newsletter...."

Mary enclosed charts of descent through **Johann Philip Kimmel (1695-1777) & Anna Elizabeth Voltz; J. Philip Kimmel (1724-1796) & Anna Christina Henn; Jacob Kimmel (1757-1838) & Mary Hoffman; Abraham Kimmel (1780-?) & Susannah --; Ellza Kimmel Hughes Lovett (1814-1893) & Jeremiah Hughes.** This family has Noble County, IN., ties. *Mary's address is 12 Viejo Way, Novato, CA 94945.*

Steve Kapper of Decatur, IL., wrote us May 25. "I am a descendant of **Justina Kimmel Senseman**, d/o **J. Adam Kimmel**, s/o **J. Jacob Kimmel**/ s/o **J. Michael Kimmel**."

"I recently traveled to Ephrata PA. I stayed overnight at the **Kimmel House Bed & Breakfast**. **Harold & Maggie Althouse**, the owners, have done a wonderful job of restoring the 200-year-old house. **Harold & Maggie** were very friendly and my stay was delightful. I would highly recommend anyone to stay there. Enclosed is \$5.00 for my year's subscription to the **Kimmel Family News**."

Joyce Kaleno Carter wrote us June 4: "Please start me and my cousin subscriptions to **Kimmel Family News**...[**Elleen Kimmell Vosburgh**, address above]. (My mom was **Lydia Kimmell**.)"

"Also I would like a copy of every past issue. How can I get them? Enclosed is my pedigree chart. I'm related to Kimmells, Horners, Meyers, Hostetters, and Penrods." **Joyce's** ancestry chart shows that her parents were **Lydia May Kimmell Kaleno (1898-1978) & William F. Kaleno (1897-living)**; Lydia's parents: **John Henry Kimmell (1848-1915) & Angeline Penrod (1849-1919)**; grandparents **Joseph Kimmell (1813-1893) & Elizabeth Rhoads**; from the **Jacob Kimmell (1757-1824)** line. *Joyce's address is 317 E 44th St., Lorain, OH 44053.*

Steve Kapper wrote us June 4: "Thank you for the back copies of the **Kimmel News**. I found out about your newsletter when I stayed at the **Kimmel House** in Ephrata, PA. The owners had a copy of the April 1995 **Kimmel News**.... Thank you for your computer printout on the Kimmels. I am enclosing my line from **Juliana Justina Kimmel**. My 2d great-grandfather, **Samuel Weaver**, in 1850 came to IL from Cumberland Co., PA."

"I am also enclosing the **Senseman** family tree. I found this at the State Library in Harrisburg PA. That tree was drawn in 1908. There are 1500 descendants of **John Justina Kimmel Senseman**. The original was printed on a roll of paper about 5' by 2.5'. There is also a large copy at the Cumberland County Historical Society in Carlisle PA.... **Justina Kimmel Senseman** and her daughter, **Rebecca Senseman Weaver**, are both buried at Longsdorf Cemetery in New Kingstown, PA."

Steve's Kimmell lineage on his chart begins with **J. Adam Kimmel (1733-1778) & wife Barbara Miller (1730-1794)**. Their daughter **Juliana Justina (1760-1843)** m. **John Senseman (1754-1819)**. Their daughter **Rebecca Senseman (1791-1862/8?)** m. **Conrad Weaver II (1791-1841)** & was mother of **Samuel Weaver (1824-1905)** father of **Charles Weaver (1846-1926)** father of **Roy O Weaver Sr 1882-1967** father of **Charlotte C. Weaver Kapper (b.1928)** mother of **Steven J Kapper (b. 1953)**. *Steve's address is 2210 Frontier Rd., Decatur IL 62526.*

A June 15 postcard from **Shirley Baker Gelineau**: "Just came across some of my old notes on the **Leeright/Leewright** family. **Conrad Will** b 6/3/1779 Philadelphia PA, m 4/12/1803 ? **Susana Kimmel** b 3/24/1781, Somerset Co PA, d 2/25/1857, Jackson Co IL. Issue: **Mary Will** b 10/20/1803 Somerset Co.; m 8/10/1824 ?, **William Worthen** d 3/15/1885 Jackson Co. IL. **Conrad Will's** parents **Daniel Will** & **Maria Magdalena Lora**."

"Perhaps you can use this info. Hope it is well with you and yours. You are probably VERY busy as usual. Source of this info: **Rozella Jordan**, Orem, UT. **Shirley Gelineau's** address is 1173 Spring Club Dr., San Antonio TX 78249."

From **Peg Gehringer** a June 2 letter: "Will you please include my cousin's name on your mailing list? **Betty L. Kimmel Baratt** [address above], daughter of **Gus Kimmel**. I am enclosing my check for \$5 for her subscription."

"I have a query. My great grandmother, **Sarah Elizabeth Handley Kimmel**, is listed in the 1850 Federal Census of Licking Co. OH, as the daughter of **John Handley** of Virginia. She is #4 of eight children and was 16 years old at that time. **Sarah** was born in OH. I have not worked on this line but am starting. Any information about this family will be greatly appreciated. Keep up your great work with the newsletter." *Peg's address is 6344 Binney St., Omaha NE. 68104.*

Peg wrote us again July 10: "I received a letter from **Timothy W. Kimmel** of Ft. Wayne, IN. He sent a listing, including my records, of the **Jonathan Kimmel** family in his file.... I am also enclosing a note from **Mary R. Gray** of Novato, CA, telling the story of **Elizabeth (Elizabeth) Kimmel (1814)** and her family sheet on **Abraham Kimmel**. I sent a letter to **Frances Irene Harrie Moore**... and it was returned. Do you have a different address for her?"

From **Mary R. Gray**: "I finally found out what happened to **Ellza Kimmel Hughes**"

814) nusoand **Jeremiah**. They were m. ar 1 1836 in OH, and he abandoned her bout June 1 1836. She had their baby in pril 1836, and she was left with nothing. he divorced **Jeremiah** Oct 10, 1842.

Have you found out anything else about **braham & Susannah**? Any other information about this family I would love to ave... This sure is a difficult family." *Mary's address is 12 Viejo Way, Novato, CA 4945.*

Kimmel sighting in the *Gospel Messenger* for May 5, 1906, under *Fallen Asleep*: "**Kimmel, Jacob**... died in his home near Elderton, PA., in the Plum Creek Congregation April 12, 1906. Aged 64 yr and 23 days. He united with the Plum Creek Brethren Church about 45 years ago and was an active and consistent member, serving in the capacity of trustee till the time of his death. He was united in marriage to sister **Maria Shoemaker** of the Red Bank Congregation, who survives him. He is also survived by 2 sisters, 4 brothers, 3 daughters and a son. His brothers and his children are all active members of the Brethren Church at Plum Creek. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. Text I Thess 4:13. His body was laid to rest in the Elderton Cemetery. --**Lewis M. Keim**."

From our **Eby** cousins: The spring 1995 issue of *Eby Family News* reports that "members of the graveyard committee completed most of the restoration of the Eby Family Graveyard south of New Holland.... A new memorial stone for **Theodorus** and **Peter Eby** has also been purchased and installed. We added some fill dirt and planted grass and enclosed the area in an iron fence..."

This site is believed to be the c1727 burial place of **Theodorus Eby** (**Durst Aebi**), who came to America before 1712 and settled in Lancaster Co. by 1715. **Durst Eby** was a Mennonite hero.

The cemetery referred to is in Leacock Twp, between New Holland and Intercourse, PA. "It is across the road from the 1727 Eby House, which is located in Earl Twp., Lancaster Co."

The Eby Family Association held its annual meeting May 27 at the Zeltenreich Church, near the cemetery location. Their next project is anticipated to be the restoration and preservation of the 1596 Eby Family Bible. They are also hopeful that their annual meeting will become a family reunion in future years. Dues are \$15 yearly; mailing address is Eby Family Association, c/o Mary F. Grant, Box 2320, Route #2, Mohnton, PA 19540.

and a **Flory** cousin: From **John P. Marcinkowski** of Wyomissing, PA, a May 15 note: "Thank you for remembering me and forwarding a copy of the descendants of **John Michael**

Kimmel Sr. & Esther Flory. I also appreciated the copy of the *Kimmel Family News* (April issue), which I find very interesting since it parallels the **Flory** family history. Please enter my name on your mailing list for 1 year's subscription to the news. Keep up the good work." **John** is historian for **Flora-Flory-Flory Family Association**.

And others of interest: **Shirley Craig** of Baton Rouge, LA., wrote in May: "I found that the LDS Library has the following books:

US & Can Fiche Area 6049214: Contents **John Horner** and six sons lived in Cumberland (later Franklin) Co. PA in 1740. In 1796 they settled in Somerset & Cambria Cos. First three generations lived chiefly in PA. Includes **Beeghly** or **Beeghley**, **Hauger**, **Kimmel**, **Miller**, **Stickley** and related families.

US & Can Book area 929.273 B68bb. Author **Bowlby**, Raymond, 1928. Title: **Bowlby's westward...Contents Samuel Bowlby** (1735-1823) first s/o **John & Mary Bowlby**, was b. in Burlington NJ & married **Elizabeth Dunn** before 1760. First 3 generations lived chiefly in PA. Includes **Carbaugh**, **Holcomb**, **Kimmel**, **Pile**, **Stall**, **Wiltrout**. "Happy hunting."

The **Historical Center** of Richfield, PA., "sponsored by the Juniata District Mennonite Churches," wrote April 25: "Greetings from the quiet hills of Juniata County, PA, in the name of the One Who said 'I am the Resurrection and the Life.' We have a wonderful Saviour."

"...an issue of *Kimmel Family News*... created an awareness to a name no one ever brought to my attention. In checking our histories I find the descendants of **William Kimmel** in Huntingdon Co., PA., an **Andrew Kimmel** in Perry Co., and **Adam Kimmel** in the War of 1812 from a Union County Battalion. I am grateful for this exposure to a new name....

"Find 11 **Kimmels** in our Juniata Valley telephone directory and three in the Susquehanna Valley. **Noah L. Zimmerman** for the Historical Center," POB 61, Richfield, PA.17086-0081.

LIFE WHEN MY GRANDPARENTS WERE YOUNG

From a paper written by the late **Maxine Kimmel McGregor** while she was a student at **McPherson College**, more than 50 years ago. **Maxine** later graduated from the **Kansas University** in 1943, "After going to St. Louis, Louisville KY, Chicago and eventually Juneau, Alaska, where I met and married **Don McGregor**, an engineer with the **Alaska Road Commission**." She died in 1993.

My great-grandfather, **David Kimmel**, moved to Kansas from Ohio in 1855 to help vote Kansas in as a free state just before the Civil War. He and his wife, **Leah**, settled in what is now Jefferson

County. The nearest town was **Leavenworth**, 20 miles northeast. He bought 640 acres at \$1.25 per acre. Land could not be homesteaded in that part of the state. He split rails and built a cabin close to the woods for protection. When they saw a man coming across the prairie, they hid in the woods until the women gave the men a signal that it was all clear. The reason for this was that pro-slavery men called "bushwhackers" came over from Missouri, and if they caught any Free State man, the bushwhackers would kill him.

In 1863, about eight years after Great-Grandfather **Kimmel** reached Kansas they were startled one August morning when a man on horseback stopped his lathered horse in front of the cabin and yelled that **Lawrence**, KS., (20-25 miles to the south) had been raided by **Quantrell** and his men from Missouri, who were thought to be headed north.

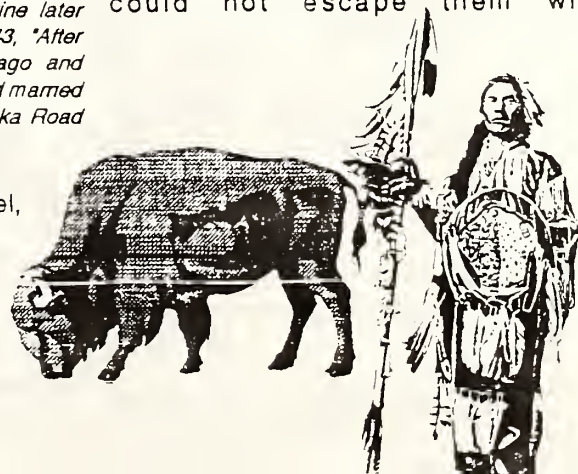
Lawrence, they were told, was left in ruins. The attack started at 5:00 in the morning while many were still asleep and unsuspecting. The guerrillas fired on whoever they saw as they rode past, and after that came deliberate and painstaking massacre, house by house. One woman was said to have saved her husband by rolling him in a rug and dragging it out of their burning home.

The **Jefferson County Free Staters** all gathered in Great-Grandfather's cabin and barricaded it as best they could, but (fortunately) **Quantrell** never came that far north. My grandfather, **Josiah Kimmel**, was 12 years old at the time.

A few miles distant from **David** and **Leah Kimmel's** home, a little girl had been born a year before, in 1862, to a family named **Magill**. Her name was **Margaret**. (20 years later these two, **Josiah** and **Margaret**, were married and went to Illinois to live. They became my grandparents.)

Grandmother's home was one of the few frame homes in **Jefferson County** at the time. In front of her home was a big gate on which she and her brothers and sisters would climb up and watch the Indians go by. Often Indians would come to the house to ask for food or to sell their baskets.

One day Great-Grandmother took the two little girls on horseback and rode to the nearest neighbor to visit. When they came home in the evening, the house was full of Indians. Great-Grandmother did not now just what to do, but she knew she could not escape them with



the two little girls on the horse, too, so she bravely went up to the door and went in. The old chief was sitting in the middle of the floor, with others grouped around him. She asked him what they wanted, and they said they wanted some flour and meat. She gave them some and the Indians left peacefully.

One day Indians stopped at a neighbor's home and, seeing their dog, wanted it. It was given to them and they went back to their camp. Soon after that, Grandmother decided to go visit them. When she got there, she found they had killed the dog and were making stew out of it.

Grandmother said she often rode her pony to visit the Indians' camp, and they were always friendly.

When Grandmother was small she helped the family with its work. Everyone in the family was expected to share in the work, as there was much of it. She helped shear the sheep, then wash the wool, card, spin it on the spinning wheel, double and twist it into thread until it was finally ready to use.

The girls knitted their own stockings and enough more to get money with which to buy material for their dresses, which they bought at Leavenworth. They sold their stockings for 25 cents a pair.

The girls also went after the cows or horses in the evenings. There were no fences yet, so they had to round them up on the open prairies. The horses and cattle were branded so as to be able to identify them.

There was a man in the community who made it his business to hunt lost stock for the settlers.

Grandmother still recalls (1939) with nostalgia the days when she could ride her pony across the open prairie and there were no fences.

The religious services were held in Grandfather's home because it was the largest frame house in that area. People came from miles around and stayed all day. The old frame house where they first held meetings is still standing (1939).

It wasn't until 1893, after Grandmother and Grandfather had returned from Illinois with three small children (my father Walter, his sister Ruby, and brother Claude) that they built the Brethren Church in McLouth, a small town near home.

Grandfather's brother, Uncle Henry Kimmel, gave most of the money to build the church, while Grandfather Josiah Kimmel was the first preacher. The first funeral in the church was for Great-Grandmother Leah Kimmel, shortly after the building was completed. She had looked forward eagerly to its completion but never got to attend services there.

In 1864, Round Grove School, then made of logs, was the only school in the area. They sometimes had as many as 60 scholars. Some of them came as far away as six miles to attend school.

At that time there weren't buggies or wagons. The settlers went either on foot or horseback. Later, in 1878, Grandfather Kimmel returned from a visit to Illinois and brought the first spring wagon with him. People would borrow it for special occasions. They used it for funerals. One man borrowed it to go to Missouri to get himself a wife. When Grandfather and Grandmother were married, they were given a mare for a wedding gift.

The famous Santa Fe Trail ran through this district. It was one of the greatest natural highways in the world. Along its way were occasional ranch houses or stage stations, at a distance of about 10 miles apart. One of these places was the old Daniels Place, where mail was left for settlers.

Kansas was admitted to the Union on January 29, 1861, as a free state--no slavery. Several battles of the Civil War were fought nearby. The Battle of Hickory Point was fought a few miles north. The militia from Jefferson County went to meet General Price, who was headed west from Kansas City, and drove him back.

Uncle Henry Kimmel told me how helped to locate the town of McLouth in the year 1881. Later, the old Southwest Railroad came through McLouth, and the Santa Fe Trail fell into disuse.

The amusements of the community consisted principally of visiting the neighbors, horse races across the prairie, barn dances, spelling bees and box socials. In the winter people traveled in bobsleds made by the men. Often they fastened sleighbells on the horses.

Both Grandfather Josiah and his brother Henry bought land and farmed near McLouth. Both brothers prospered, especially Uncle Henry, who was given the title of "Com King" and was considered the richest man in Jefferson County at one time. He had developed a variety of corn (Kimmel Corn) that out-produced most.

Henry lived in a house on one of his farms east of McLouth. Besides the eight children in the family, they cooked for six extra men all of the time, and many more during harvest time. Now, hired help often stayed home and drove back and forth, but in those days lodging and meals were furnished.

Not long ago I was applying for a teaching position when the board member asked me if I was any relation to a Henry Kimmel. When I said I was, he told me that Uncle Henry was the first man for whom he had worked out as a boy.

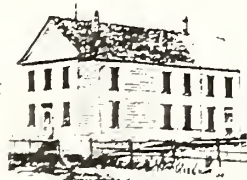
He was still quite young when he got a job on the threshing crew at Uncle Henry's place. That evening as they filed out of the dining room, Uncle Henry stood at the door and gave each man his wages for the day, as was his custom. When he came to the boy, Uncle Henry asked him how much he thought he had earned that day. He told Uncle Henry what he thought he had earned, but Uncle Henry said no, he had worked hard, and gave him a grown man's wages. He said he thought he was about the happiest boy alive that night.

In this issue: Brian Whitmer feature in dining magazine...Annette McCoy wins state history student contest...a Kimmel in Baseball's Hall of Fame...1795 Jacob Kimmel house now B&B...Winifred Turner profiled...Kansas Kimmels in the 1850's and 1860's...family letters

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in this issue: David & Leah's seven children... 1923 Brookville, Ohio, letter to a Kansas Kimmel cousin... What's in a Name? (Part 2)... Family Mailbox... family news updates... birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, family history, photos



The seven children of David & Leah Riegel Kimmel: (back row) Martha Ann Kimmel Hummer, Rose Ivy Kimmel Whitmer, Susan Kimmel Black; (front row) Henry Harrison Kimmel, Elizabeth Kimmel Bowman, Mary Kimmel Whitmer, and Josiah Riegel Kimmel.

set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States. Oct 3, 1863

A Family Heritage: David & Leah's Children

David and Leah Riegel Kimmel had seven children, each pictured above:

Susan Riegel Kimmel (1850-1918), who married Rev. John William Black Feb. 2, 1883, in Auburn, IL; they had 7 children.

Rev. **Josiah "Jess" Riegel Kimmel** (1851-1917), who married Margaret Magill Jan. 12, 1882, in Leavenworth County, KS; they had 3 children.

Henry Harrison Kimmel (1853-1948), who married Lydia Bowman December 29, 1878, in Auburn, IL; 8 children.

Sarah Elizabeth Kimmel (1855-1926), who married Lydia's brother, Andrew J. Bowman in Sangamon County (at

Auburn?), IL Sept. 2, 1877; They had 5 children.

(Incidentally, one of Elizabeth & Andrew's sons, Walter Bowman, married Twila Pauline Kimmel, herself of double Kimmel descent--through the lines of Michael Beeghley (1789-1856) & Susanna Kimmel Beeghley; and through Jacob Kimmel (1757-1824) & Mary May Hoffman Kimmel.)

Martha Ann Kimmel, (1858-1931) who married Clement Sylvanus Hummer Sept. 14, 1879, in Auburn, IL; they had 11 children.

Mary Anne Kimmel (1860-1939), who married Andrew Wealand Whitmer in Auburn, IL., December 19, 1882; 5 children.

Rose Ivy Kimmel (1862-1942), who married Daniel W. Whitmer (Andrew's brother) Sept. 1886, at McLouth, Jefferson County, KS; 7 children.

All passed on to their children a heritage deserving of gratitude and pride.

Happy Thanksgiving, merry Christmas,

Excerpts from the first national Thanksgiving proclamation...

"The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessing of fruitful fields and healthful skies.

"To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God..."

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people.

"I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to

WHAT'S IN A NAME (PART 2)

by Tim Kimmel

In the past, *Kimmel Family News* has listed several places called Kimmel. I thought a few things called Kimmel would be interesting to share:

[Editor's note: My computer refuses to print German, no matter what system I tried to get an umlaut over a letter, best I could do was space it after. Sorry!]

Most of us have gotten one those mail-in heraldry reports that say **Kimmel** means "one who gathers caraway seeds." And Kimmel (actually Kimmel) is the German word for caraway.

and a happy new year!

72-Year-Old Letter from an Ohio Kimmel to a Kansas Cousin

Back on May 14, 1923, Ezra Jacob Kimmel of Brookville, OH, sent a letter to a first cousin, Henry Harrison Kimmel, who lived in McLouth, KS. Now that letter is in the family archives of Don Bower, Henry's grandson.

Ezra, born in 1881, was a son of Henry's brother, Jacob Kimmel (1839-1916), and was in the insurance business. His letter says:

"Dear Cousin, It has been a long time since I have wrote to you or heard from any of you folks. At present I am in bed & have been for over four weeks & it looks like I will have to stay four weeks longer. I started with a sore place in my left hip last fall & have walked lame ever since & now I am in bed.

"The Drs called it rheumatism at first & now they call it arthritis or tuberculosis of the hip. I think I am some better at present.

"We left the farm in February & moved on a small place nearer to town. I haven't did any work to amount to any thing since last Sept. I had thought some of going to A.M. [Brethren Annual Meeting] but now I am obliged to give it up. Are you going this year or not?

"The rest of the folks are well. John & his family were here Sunday & D. M. Detrick's were here too. We have been having lots of company since I have been in bed.

"John built on the home place at the road just east of the drive that goes into the old buildings. Detrick's left the farm 12 years ago and moved to the new place they built up out at the road, you saw it when you was here last. But a few years ago they built a large brick

house up in Brookville & he got dissatisfied after he was there about 18 months & he sold his town property & moved back to the new buildings on the farm again.

"The boy is 16 years old now & he farms 40 acres of the farm & rent the rest to another family.

"Uncle Johns boys are all in Ohio by Jesse. Him & his wife moved to California about a year ago. Harvey & his family were here last evening & spent the evening with us. Dave lives on the old home place. John M. the oldest one lives on the Landis farm along the Wolf Creek Pike.

"The Old Order Brethren elected him to the ministry about 2 years ago. The Old Order church here in Ohio & part of Ind & a few other places divided a few years go on the telephone question & about 18 months ago they divided again on the automobile question.

"It looks like we may have some trouble in our own church on the dress question some of these times. I note a few are getting hats in parts of Ohio & quite a few have already been disowned. Don't know what can be done. Our membership at Brookville at present is about 300, church is in fair working order.

"Where is Louie & Rosa & Frank & the twins & Leslie & what are they doing? Now Henry when are you coming in to pay us a visit once more. I know they would all be glad to see you & your wife & have you come & spend several weeks with us. Aunt Mary is still living & goes around among her children.

"Don't neglect to answer soon as I am anxious to hear from you. Answer soon and tell us when you are going to visit us once. I am sending you a picture of my boy 5 yrs old in Jan. Ans. soon."

As a matter of fact, several of the coats-of-arms awarded to Kimmels in public positions in Kassel, Hessen estate, Germany, had the caraway plant or a figure holding a caraway plant on them.

However, the word Kimmel and surname Kimmel evolved separately. Prof. Hermann Ku'mmell's report in the *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch* (Vol. 6) which offers the lineage for J. Michael Kimmel's ancestors back to Dillmanus Kumel of c.1391, Neuenkerken) cites the research of the then-renowned German genealogist, Dr. Schoener of Marburg.

Doctor Schoener traces the Kimmel surname back to "Chunemar." The name comes from *kuoni* (ku'hne, or "brave") and *mar* (beru'hmt or "famous/celebrated," and also *kampslustig und stark*, or "bellicose/pugnacious and strong.")

Loosely translated into English, our name means "a brave and powerful warrior." The *Deutsches Wo'terbuch* (1873, Grimm & Grimm) supports this two-source view.

The name evolved over the centuries roughly along this path:

Chunemar
Chumil
Cumel
Komel
Kommel
Kummel
Ku'mmel
Kimmel

This isn't exact. In reality, the name never stayed stable in its spelling, and wasn't even the same with each individual at different times. Variation included Khummel, Ko'mmel and Kummelious. As in early America, there was no real pattern to when the names were spelled with a single "m" or two, or a single "l" or two.

For Kimmelman noted that just
 Kummel, who migrated from Kassel to
 Velsbaden in 1597, may have been the
 first family member to use the surname
 spelled as "Kimmel."

That spelling appears to have caught
 on with our branches of the family
 about the time they were immigrating to
 America in the mid-1700's. Old
 Pennsylvania German church records
 still used Ku"mmel at the time.

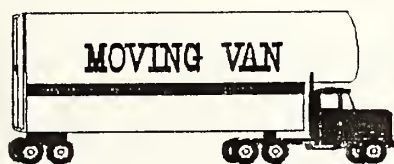
Kimmel (or its Ku"mmel variation) came
 to mean things besides caraway or
 caraway seed.

Ku"mmel was also a cherry-flavored
 brandy in Germany, and one who
 overindulged in drinking--particularly
 with brandy--was said to have
 kimmelled. (Actually, "verku"mmeln" or
 to get drunk.) Are we surprised now at
 which side the Kimmels were on in the
 Whiskey Rebellion?

Here in America, those in your branch
 of the Kimmel family are probably
 aware of Kimmel corn, a hardy variety
 of corn developed by Henry H. Kimmel
 of McLouth, Ks.

I recently came across another use for
 Kimmel in a reference to Admiral
 Kimmel. The Admiral has been
 credited with--among other things--
 setting the American forces in shape
 prior to World War II. In *Pearl Harbor,
 the Verdict of History*, Gordon Prange
 tells of how much a stickler Admiral
 Kimmel was in maintaining the
 efficiency and dignity of his personnel.

He was strict to the point of insisting
 they wear formal uniforms, including
 hats and shoes, when ashore in Hawaii,
 even though more comfortable attire
 was officially acceptable. Says Prange,
 "The officers especially resented the
 hats, which they dubbed 'Kimmels.'"

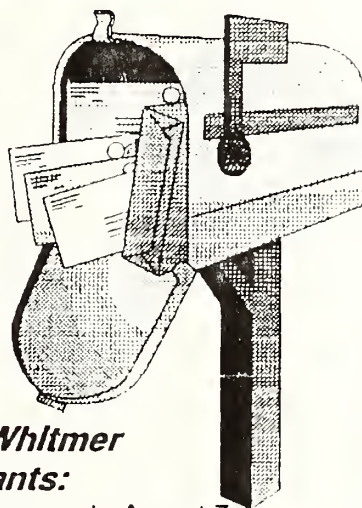


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**Andrew
 & Mary
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 Kimmel Whitmer
 descendants:**

Marge Whitmer wrote August 7
 to tell us about her move to Eugene,
 OR. "I have sold my units and will not
 be at the McHenry address after August
 20th. It has taken a while, but the right
 buyer came along, and the units sold
 on Aug. 1. Have a few weeks to get
 things cleaned out, so it will be a busy
 time.

"I don't know at this time where I will
 live. Will be buying a car and doing
 some traveling. I will keep you posted.
 Keep up the good work you do on the
 newsletter. It's great." **Marge's** new
 mailing address is listed above.

**Bonnie Tomlinson Winters-
 Collins** wrote to us September
 8 from San Antonio, TX:
"Marge Whitmer visited my
 husband and me recently and
 left a copy of your **Kimmel
 Family News**. I am **Violet
 Louise Smith Tomlinson's**
 daughter, **Edith Murial Kimmel
 Smith's** granddaughter, and I
 would like to be included in
 your family news mailing. I
 have enclosed a check for \$10
 (\$5 for me and \$5 for your
 general fund).

"Don & Marge Whitmer were very
 good at keeping me up-to-date
 with their "Kimmel" visits and

will look forward to seeing
 the news in the mail. My
 husband is **John E. Collins**."

Martha Kimmel and Clement Hummer descendants:

Ray & Evelyn Troutt of Helena, OK
 wrote August 20: "I'm **Ray Troutt**,
 grandson of **Clement & Martha
 Hummer** and son of **Emma June
 Hummer & Coy Troutt**. We enjoy the
 letter very much.

"We are retired school teachers. I
 coached sports and taught math and
 science for 32 years. We have 3 great
 sons, and have 11 grandchildren and 3
 wonderful daughters-in-law. Enclosed
 are my present and past dues."

August 24 from **Booker, TX** from
David & Edna Stollings: "You
 do such a beautiful job with
 the paper and we enjoy every
 bit of it 'kiver to kiver.'
 Enclosed find ck for another
 year. **David's** mother was
Rhodie Hummer, so David is a
 Kimmel cousin too."

Josiah & Margaret Magill Kimmel descendants:

Lola Hinman Kimmel of Federal Way,
 WA., wrote us Oct. 13, mentioning
 some clarifications to be made
 regarding **Maxine Kimmel McGregor's**
 story about her grandparents in early-
 day Kansas. "...It was great-
 grandfather **David Farrar Magill** who
 moved to Kansas in 1855 from Clinton
 County, MO., to vote Kansas in as a
 free state. All of the narrative is about
 the grandmother, **Susan Margaret
 Magill**, who married **Josiah Riegel
 Kimmel**.

"David Kimmel went to Sangamon
 County, IL, from Montgomery County,
 OH., before coming to Jefferson
 County, KS. after the Civil War..." **Ken
 & Lola** sent along an expanded story,
**"The Magills of Leavenworth County,
 KS,"** which draws on Maxine's story as
 well as other references. We'll try to
 use it in a future issue.



"Ken and I celebrated our 50th wedding
 anniversary on Sept. 6, 1995," **Lola**
 continues. "Our children and
 grandchildren had a nice dinner for us,
 and we took a train trip down the
 Columbia River Gorge to Hood River,
 OR., with another couple who were also
 celebrating their 50th."

**Kenneth Steele Kimmel & Lola Adele
 Hinman** were married Sept. 6, 1945.
 Their three children are **Christine
 Adele Kimmel Grey, Dana Victor**

Kimmei, & Paula June Kimmei Mallory, and grandchildren are Bryan Jeffrey Grey, Darren Michael Grey, Eric Michael Kimmei, Kenneth Scott Kimmei, and Jennifer Adele Mallory.

Irene & Marlin McPherson of Oskaloosa, KS., wrote October 31: "...sending the correct address for Gaylene & Daniel Croker...[above]. They hosted the fourth annual "Sister Reunion" over Labor Day.

"Of course, the parents, Marlin & Irene McPherson, were there with assorted husbands and some of the grandchildren. As the grandkids of Marlin & Irene grow older they find it harder to get together.

"The daughters are Eileen Simmons of Tulsa, OK., Marlene Prigel of Golden, CO., Kathleen Fewins of Lawrence, KS., Jolene Murphy of Colorado Springs, CO., and Gaylene Croker of Camarillo, CA.

"Everyone had a good time-- there was the beach and the ocean for anyone brave enough to go in. There was a mountain hike, a melodrama, home entertainment and eating."

"They all hope to meet again next year over Labor Day at the Prigels in Golden, CO."

Henry & Lydia Bowman Kimmel descendants:

Our spies tell us that Mirlam Kimmel Kruse of Little River, KS., house-sat recently for her two grandsons, Adam & Jason Kruse in Wichita KS., while their parents, Tom & Lena Phillips Kruse, were out of town. While there, Miriam found time for a get-together with cousin Don Bower at the local Country Kitchen.

John Bower sent us a note August 20 from McLouth, KS.: "You are doing a good job. I haven't had time to read all of it yet, but enjoyed reading Maxine Kimmel's college paper about her grandmother's remembering. Just don't take it too seriously as a matter of history. She has some of it mixed up. It wasn't David Kimmel who came to Kansas in 1855, it was David & Joanna Magill, her grandma Margaret's mother. She doubtless dealt with Indians. Margaret, born in 1862, may not.

"Kimmels came in 1864. And their house is still standing in 1995, though unoccupied. Also, the Santa Fe Trail was south of the Kaw River in Douglas County. Old military trails did cross Jefferson County, and some Oregon Trail traffic...

"I must get this in the mail. I am flying to Oregon for a week day after tomorrow, and there is much still undone. We do like our 'new' car. Hope you get moved all right."



High school friends who grew up to marry Kimmel cousins: Mildred Osborn McPherson & Margaret Evelyn Champion Bower

When John & Mary Bower went to the WCTU state convention at Great Bend, KS., this year, they stopped at cousin Mirlam Kimmel Kruse's in Little River, KS to visit.

John & Mary Bower of McLouth, KS, wrote again Sept 27: "Mary and I are going to Great Bend [KS] for the annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union Thursday and Friday... If the weather is good we want to come home by way of Colorado, which should be brilliant with fall colors about now. I went to Oregon for a week, but Mary hasn't been anywhere all summer.

"Now, the weather! After all that has happened this summer, we capped it with a freeze last week. Topeka reported 31 degrees, a record for the date, but our thermometer showed below 30.

"Bean and tomato vines were nipped, but the green tomatoes weren't. Soybeans, which were planted 30 days late, were still green. Top leaves were burned, but I can't tell yet how much damage was done to the beans, down inside the leaf canopy. For sure, there will be some loss. Soybeans are about half my yearly crop production, so it is not an idle question. Corn is well along toward maturity, so should not be damaged much if any, and is probably near a normal crop.

"In Kansas, up to a foot of snow fell around St Francis in the northwest county of the state.. Temperatures were down around 20, which set records. Snowfall went as far south as Great Bend, where there was an inch, the earliest measurable snowfall on record there.

"Jim's (Ruth's husband) father died Sunday morning. He has been cut down by a series of strokes for several years, and

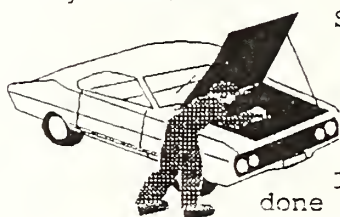
has been in a nursing home, it is a blessing... We went through school together, so have been a friend of the family for a lot of years, before my daughter married into the family.

"We will go the funeral Wednesday morning, and leave for Great Bend in the afternoon. We will keep an eye on the weather before we decide to go farther from home.

"I saw Gordon & Betty [Bower] last night at the funeral home. He is having to replant the grass in his front yard. He said he had a 90% kill, I don't know from what. Anyhow he said getting it ready was the equivalent of walking six miles. He was tired.

"So was I. Cars are built to feed gas with the right foot. For me, that is the artificial one; the one with no feeling or ankle or feeling. All you can do is push your leg; if the car goes, you know you are doing it. With this V6 engine and transmission you are liable to spin the front wheels and pop your neck.

"So I put a left-footed foot feed on all my vehicles.



So yesterday put one on the Chrysler. It was the toughest job I have done in a while.

Modern cars are so low under the steering wheel, you need to be a contortionist to reach the pedals to work on them. The design problem was the worst I have had. I have made some in an hour or two, but this took most of the day. Fortunately the weather was warm. I finally got it, and it works well.

"Mary and I are pretty well recovered from the whiplash we suffered in the accident which took our former car. For a while, we were making three trips a week for treatment.

"Yesterday's paper said Perot has changed his mind and will seek to form a third party. The most likely result will be to split the conservative vote, as he did four years ago, and re-elect Clinton, and put the liberals back in control. That would be too bad, for the country has the best chance to reduce the size of the government we have had in many years.

From Donald Kimmel Bower of Wichita KS on Oct 9: "What a change in our weather since our last visit! The rains ended suddenly, and we then had 5 weeks (less 1 day) of high 90's or more. This ended after Labor Day. Daily irrigation was the rule.

*This kept those early-planted turnips

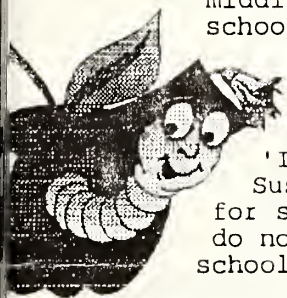
This kept those early-planted turnips growing. I have already sent a boxful to Virginia. Many are up to 4" in diameter. We had a record early frost in early September, but I had most tomato and sweet potato vines protected.

Frederick and I drove up to the Farm at McLouth, so he could replace a water pump and prepare the tractor for winter. I did some repairing on some buildings. Some trees were bare from the early freeze. The return trip was work. We were facing very strong headwinds.

I plan to fly to Atlanta Oct 19th and attend the wedding of my grandson, **David Mason**. I will stay with Virginia.

I have just finished hulling nearly 2 bushels of black walnuts. Now if I can find someone to crack and pick out the nut meats. This was a good crop year for them. Squirrels are busy burying them in the garden. Beautiful weather again after the frost..."

Marie Kimmel Moffet wrote from Ozawkie, KS. on Nov 3. She is no longer teaching full-time but is substitute teaching (mostly in the middle and high school in



Oskaloosa), and "I do ISS, which is 'In School Suspension' for students who do not behave in school.

"I see a lot of students always in trouble... You know, after a while they grow on you and you really start to like them..." **Marie** says ISS was originally supposed to be two days a week, "but at times it has come to doing this five times a week..."

Well, the newlyweds are doing fine. I don't get to see them much... I do miss our girl. **Andy** is a real great guy. He is taking an electrical apprenticeship program for five years, and then he will be a certified electrician. **acheal** had a job at allmark's, but they cut back for a while, so she got laid off. She stays at home and gets the home work done...

The Moffet family are doing fine. We have our wheat planted, finally. **Archie** is working on an old truck for a school project. Who knows--it might be the oldest vehicle at the next Kimmel reunion! **Matthew & Charles** just play, although **Matthew** is getting to be handy at fixing things for me.

We plan a small trip to Colorado in November if it is not snowing. We have a nephew **Charlie's** side getting married. I do not look

forward to traveling to Colorado in the wintertime!

"As of this time both my folks are doing fine. My sister is doing great also... I am getting some new ideas for the **Kimmel reunion**. Will let you know later about them."

The Wichita part of our family plans to celebrate **Glenn David Bower's** 27th birthday Nov.15 by taking him out for dinner, said Grandpa **Don Bower** in a recent phone call.

Don says that during the Wichita Gem & Mineral Society's craft show in early November, **Fred Bower** spent two days demonstrating his rockmanship.

Jack R.



Mason of Plainfield, IL, has been gallivanting around Europe again this past

month. We hear he's been to Finland, Belgium, Holland, and Switzerland, all on behalf of Caterpillar, and didn't have time to do any real sightseeing except during her three days in Switzerland.

Out in Columbia, MO., the Tompkins family celebrated **Mike Tompkins'** 34th birthday with a family lunch. **Deanna Tompkins'** new business 'Weight No More,' a one-on-one weight counseling service, is getting off to a flying start.

Cassandra Tompkins is taking week end drama classes, sponsored by one of the local professional theater groups. A full contingent of Tompkinses--grandparents **Ken & Jan**, parents **Mike & DeeDee**, and brother **Shaun** showed up to be impressed when she played the role of Lady Victoria Brooke McGregor (complete with British accent) in *Three Families and a Mystery* during her theater class's Nov. 17 "recital."

Shaun Tompkins broke his left

arm during practice for the high football and was out for the season. A ninth grader, his report card for this quarter is all A's!

Ken & Jan Tompkins are now moved into their "new" old house, and most of the first phase of remodeling--you never really get done working on an old house, **Jan** says--is completed.

"I've got doors now on my kitchen cabinets," **Jan** says proudly, "and I'm getting bedroom curtains made." And just under the wire, the afternoon before mid-Missouri's first frost this season, the gas line got hooked up for **Ken's** shop, so he has heat out there!

Ken, who seems to particularly enjoy mathematical/carpentry challenges, recently completed a group of fluted tapered round wood porch columns. Now he's working on a reproduction Gothic wood window and grilles for the Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church, which dates from the mid-1800's.



Ken & Jan will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary December 30.

David Mason & Gail Wahl honeymooned for a week in Cancun after their October 21 wedding at the Vines Botanical Gardens, Logansville, GA.

David is the younger son of **Virginia Bower Mason** and the late **Jack L. Mason** of Stone Mountain, GA. **Jack Randal Mason**, David's older brother (and best man), flew in from Plainfield, IL. with his wife **Diane**.

Other Kimmel descendants among the wedding guests were Grandpa **Don Bower**, who flew in from Wichita, KS., and aunt **Janice Bower Tompkins**, from Columbia, MO.

There was a familiar face in the *Lawrence Journal-World* recently, and **John Bower** of nearby McLouth, Ks., thought we might enjoy seeing it, so he sent along a copy of the Douglas County Bank's ad featuring cousin **Lols**



Memorial Day gathering at the D. E. Bower farm, McLouth, Ks. over 50 years ago. Don Bower's kids in the front row: Frederick, Virginia, Janice, Bob. Adults: Gordon, Granddaddy Earl Bower, Grandma Mabel Kimmel Bower, Don Bower, Evelyn Champion Bower, John, Agnes Black Bower.

Julia "Julie" Clark Gwynn wrote to us Nov. 7 from Sacramento, CA.: "I'm writing to say hello, to renew my newsletter subscription, and to add subscriptions for my three children.

"I've been receiving the newsletter this year, thanks to my sister Janet Clark McCoy.

"I copied the August issue and sent it to my kids because I especially enjoyed the articles on Pop Haines and "Life When My Grandparents Were Young."

"All three children enjoyed the newsletter and said they would like a subscription.

"Henry H. & Lydia Bowman Kimmel were my grandparents, and my mother was their daughter, Netty Kimmel Clark."

Julie's children are Janet Lawson & Jonathan Guest of Asheville, NC., Mary Viv Lawson of Denver, CO., and Buck & Kim Lawson of Atlanta, GA.

Mary Viv Lawson, will marry Craig Arnold January 13, 1996, and the couple will live in Denver, Julie tells us.

"One question: Who is keeping the genealogy? I have an outdated one and could provide an update for my family. My children are not listed, nor is my second husband, John Gwynn. I have one grandchild, Julie Claire Guest.

"I think you all are doing a great job with the newsletter. I have never been particularly interested in genealogy, but it's really fun reading about our far-flung family and especially about those who came before us. Many thanks."

This DCB Officer Serves our Customers ... and our Country!

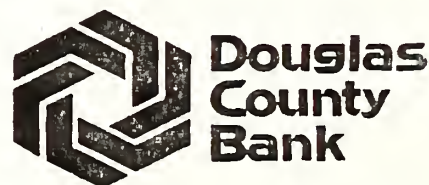
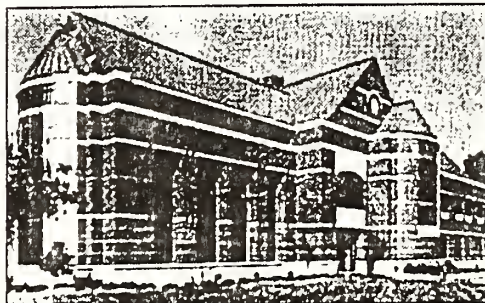


Lois (Sanders) Uihlein, a DCB Loan Officer who has been with the bank for almost fifteen years, handles auto, home improvement and consolidation loans for our customers. She began her career with Douglas County Bank as a secretary in 1980.

Two years later, Lois became executive secretary to the bank's president. She says her secretarial duties allowed her to become acquainted with customers and to recognize that "everyone's needs are different." She appreciates the opportunity to work with people and especially enjoys the challenge of tailoring loans to fit our customers' specific needs.

In addition to serving our customers, Lois is proudly serving our country as a Storekeeper Second Class with the U.S. Naval Reserves.

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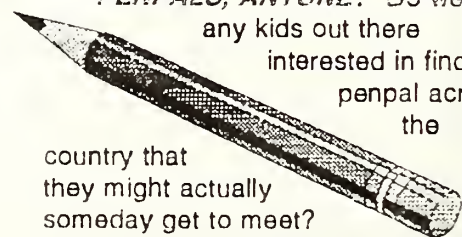
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Julie's e-mail address is
julie@csus.edu.

[Perhaps an updated genealogy for all David & Leah's descendants might be in order at/before/following the 1997 Kimmel reunion? The last one I've seen must have been at least one (maybe two?) generations back. Any comments? --Ed.]

PENPALS, ANYONE? Do we have any kids out there interested in finding penpal across the



country that they might actually someday get to meet? The suggestion has crossed our desk, and we'd be happy to help matchmake it if anybody has kids who might be interested. Send a note to PENPALS, 325 West Hickam Drive, Columbia MO 65203.

other Kimmel cousins:

vic - Kimmel of Cherokee, NC, called us in August to tell us he'd heard about the newsletter from his friend **Franklin Buser**. Vic (who winters in Leesburg FL) is a descendant of **Johann Philip Kimmel**.

a publication of interest:

Brethren from Gimsheim in the Palatinate to Ephrata & Bermudian in Pennsylvania, by Annette K. Burgert. Available from Olde Springfield Shoppe, POB 171, 10 West Main Street, Elverson PA 19520. 28 pp plus biblio & index apx \$12.

Deals with several families, including J. Valentine & J. Jacob Kimmel. Burgert has researched records on both sides of the Atlantic.

vic, born 5/29/27, says his father was **Charles Arthur Kimmel**, s/o **Harvey M. Kimmel**, s/o **Aaron Kimmel**, s/o **Michael Kimmel**, s/o **David Kimmel** (1763) & **Barbara Croner Kimmel**.

Nancy Howard Lonsinger of Sun City, FL., wrote to us August 10: "**Bevin Kimmel** of Lakeside-Marblehead, OH., shared his *Kimmel Family News* with me. As a descendant of **Rebecca Kimmel Myers** of Mt. Pleasant, PA., this is a publication I can't live without! My check for \$15 is enclosed for a 3-yr subscription.

Presently I'm a new retiree and I'm able to devote considerable time researching my family lines. I've been blessed with a great year of meeting the right people who have shared their family info with me. I'm interested in swapping family info with cousins of:

Rebecca Kimmel Myers, my gg grandmother, of Mt. Pleasant PA (Oct 3, 1810-March 10, 1895) m. May 3, 1829, **Abraham Myers** (1799-1872);

d/o **Solomon Kimmel** (1786-1834/36) of Shanksville, PA., m. 1808 **Mary Catherine Good** (1788-1882);

s/o **Philip Kimmel** (1724-1796) of Somerset Co PA, m. **Anna Christina Henn** (d.1791);

s/o **Philip Kimmel** (1695-1777) m. on June 10, 1721, **Anna Elizabeth Voltz**.

Nancy sent along photocopies of some Kimmel family landmarks and some Kimmel and Beighley cousins in the Berlin, PA area. We hope to be able to run copies of these in a future issue.

Nancy and her husband **Robert Lonsinger** will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary Feb. 1, 1996.

Malcolm 'Mack' Fox of Arcol

a, IL called us at the end of August, then sent a note: "Please start my subscription with the first issue of '95. I look forward to receiving as much Kimmel info as possible..." Mack wrote again August 29: "I spoke with you on the phone last night about my Kimmel line. I am excited to learn of your newsletter and have great hopes that I will be able to unravel some knots in my family line.

"It is difficult to write intelligently about my Kimmel problems. Hopefully the following will be clear.

The Saga of Three Kimmels: **Nathan**

Ashworth Kimmel b. July 22, 1812, in Ohio, Illinois, or Indiana. The 1850 census of Lawrence Co. IL says IL; the 1880 census of that county says Ohio. **Nathan Kimmel** moved to Illinois in 1839 and purchased land in Lawrence Co. on May 22 of that year. At this time he was from the Dayton OH area. In Lawrence Co., **Nathan** was a farmer and a physician.

He married twice in that county and had children as follows: **John, Jacob, Susan, George, Lewis & William** by his first wife, **Jane Swango**. By second wife **Mary Elizabeth King**, he had **Sarah J., John L., Franklin, Maria & Singleton**. **Nathan** died in Petty Twp, Lawrence Co., IL in May of 1892.

I know for sure that **Nathan** had a brother **George** who was born in 1818 (OH or IN) - the 1850 census of Lawrence Co IL says IN. **George** married a woman named **Cordelia** - possibly **Cordelia Quick**. He had two daughters, **Sarah & Mary Frances**. **George** bought land in Lawrence Co. IL in 1849. **George** does not appear in the other census records of IL.

In the 1870 census, **Mary Frances** was living with her sister **Sarah**, w/o **Wm B Jackman**. **Mary Frances** married **Wesley Potts** 1878 and was living in St Francisville IL in 1880.

Sarah & W B Jackman were living in Saline Co. IL in 1880 with children **George 11, Wm 9, John 7, James B 3, and Susan 1**. What happened to these Jackmans who were Kimmel descendants?

So **Nathan** and **George** were definitely in Lawrence Co. IL and left children in that area. From whence did they come?

The third Kimmel in our saga is **Samuel**. In land records of 1809 **Samuel** was said to be from Somerset Co. PA. **Samuel** appears in Posey Co. IN and bought land in 1809 and 1815. He evidently had borrowed money from **Peter Husband Kimmel**. He sold this land in 1818 or 1819 to a **Nathan Ashworth** and moved over into Gallatin Co. IL by the 1820 census. He was living there evidently with a wife and two sons.

I believe this **Samuel** is the father of my **Nathan Ashworth Kimmel** - the name of my ancestor and the name of the person who purchased **Samuel's** land seems to be too close to be coincidental. Also, **Samuel** living in IN. in 1818 would align with **George** being born in IN in 1818, and his being in IL in 1819 would align with **Nathan** being born in IL in 1819.

My speculation in this matter is that **Samuel** was the s/o **David** (1763-1827). He moved from Somerset to Indiana, then to IL and then disappeared. Sometime **Samuel** was back in Montgomery Co OH because **Samuel s/o David** married **Sarah Elizabeth Arnett** there in 1811. I need proof!

Surely someone has an answer or **Samuel** has other descendants out there. **H. K. Stoner** said that **Samuel s/o David** had seven or eight children. Please help me write an ending to this saga!

An additional note: The **Samuel** of Posey Co IN and Gallatin Co IL was sued by **Singleton H. Kimmel**, attorney for **Peter Kimmel**, during the years 1824-26. In the court record in Posey Co. IN it says, "Samuel...so conceals himself as to make the due process of law impossible..." So it sounds like he was evading his responsibility to repay **Peter** for the loan of the money.

Also compounding the confusion **Nathan** purchased the land that **George** had bought in Lawrence Co. On the deed, instead of **George** signing it as the grantor, it was signed by a **Lewis Kimmel**! This transaction was in 1867. Who was this **Lewis Kimmel**?

My great-grandfather **William Kimmel** had a brother **George** who left Lawrence Co. IL one morning on his horse and said he was heading for Indian Territory. He was never heard from again. This **George** was a s/o **Nathan** and not the brother described above.

And help anyone can give me will be much appreciated. I have quite a lot of Kimmel information, especially of those of Lawrence Co. IL and Richland Co. IL. I will be glad to share what I have."

From Bozeman, MT, **Maurine**



Blackwell wrote us Sept. 29: "In May, was doing genealogical research in Somerset and York Counties, PA. was given the April 1995 issue of *Kimmel Family News* by a distant cousin. I am enclosing \$5 for a yearly subscription plus \$2.50 for the issue previous to the April & July issues..."

"I am a descendant of **Johann Phillip Kimmel** (1695-1777); his son **Phillip** (1724-1791); his son **Isaac** (1769-1851); his son **Henry**, whose son **William** was my great-grandfather and brought his family to Sedgwick County about 1878 and settled on land which my sister and I still own..."

"There is a **Kimmel Cemetery** in southern Illinois, Murphysboro, Jackson County, I think. Members of my mother's family told me of burial of Coopers in the 'Immuel Cemetery.' I thought, there were Kimmels in that area, and I'll bet it is Kimmel. I stopped there and drove out to the cemetery, and there it was, entrance sign 'KIMMEL CEMETERY.' Many Kimmel are buried there."

Martha Ann Zimmerman of Box 200, Harvel, IL 62538 sent a note August 23: "I enclose a check for \$5 for another year's subscription, and I would like to insert a query: SEARCHING FOR PARENTS OF **MARY ANN KIMMEL** m c1790 probably York Co. PA to **Christopher (Christian) Beam**. They moved to Guernsey Co OH. -- **Martha R (Mrs Donald) Zimmerman**, ph 217 526 4530.

Joyce Koleno Carter wrote from Lorain, OH in August, to correct the spelling of her name. "My ancestry chart shows my parents were **Lydia May Kimmell Koleno** (1898-1978) & **William F. Koleno** (1897-living). **Lydia's** parents: **George P. Kimmell** (1874-1954) and **Sarah B. Horner** (1877-196-). Grandparents: **John B. Kimmell** (1848-1915) & **Angeline Penrod** (1849-1919). Great-grandparents: **Joseph Kimmell** (1813-1893) & **Elizabeth Rhoades** (?). GG Grandf: **Solomon Kimmell** (1786-1836). GGG grandf: **Jacob Kimmell** (1757-1824). GGGG grandf: **Philip Kimmell** (1724-1796). Can go back as far as 1630 in genealogy. Different grandmothers are **Horners, Meyers, Hochstetlers**. I'm very proud."

Franklin B. Buser of Stroudsburg, PA, has a question for Kimmel genealogists: "The number of Kimmels that have had the name **Singleton** for their first or middle is a wonder and a puzzle! What was the origin of **Singleton**? And why has it been used in four rather evidently different branches of the families? I do hope that somebody out there can give an answer to these questions.

"Meanwhile, here is the lineup and information I have on them:

"1. **Singleton Husband Kimmel** (Mar 21, 1797-Mar 7, 1868), s/o **Peter Kimmel** (1771-1843) of Somerset Co. PA & Union Co IL. **Peter** married **Phoebe Husband**, so that name is not a mystery. This **Singleton** lived in southern IL, St. Louis & Cape Girardeau MO and was the grandfather of **Adm. Husband Edward Kimmel** of Pearl Harbor.

"2. **Henry Singleton Kimmel** (Dec 19, 1839-Aug 23, 1843), s/o #1.

"3. **Singleton Husband Kimmel** (Sept. 19, 1869-Oct 23, 1947), b. evidently at Cape Girardeau, MO, the s/o **Marius Manning Kimmel** and brother of the **Admiral**. This **Singleton** 'never married.'

"4. **Singleton Kimmel** (1824-...), the s/o **Jacob Kimmel** (c1782-1863) of

Pottsville, PA, and mentioned in his father's will. Singleton was 22 years old when he enlisted in the Mexican War. After his discharge at Philadelphia, nothing more is known of him!

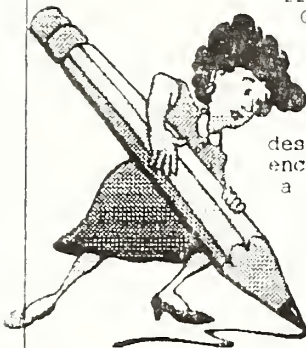
*5. Singleton Kimmel (Apr 30, 1844-1921), s/o George Kimmel (1793 or '95 - Mar 29, 1868), lived in Union Co. IL and then went to OH in 1912, possibly Darke or Miami Co. He was related to the first three listed above.

*6. James Singleton Kimmel (1899-?), evidently lived around Dayton, OH, the s/o #5. Information on #s 5 & 6 came from John Daniel Kimmel of West Manchester OH, grandson of #5.

*7. Singleton Kimmel (Jan 18, 1877 - Feb 10, 1945), lived and died in Lawrence Co. IL, the s/o the only Nathan Kimmel in our files. Nathan's father may have come from England! This information came from Joe L. Kimmel of Riverton, WY, his grandson."

Frank Buser's address is 613 Bryant St., Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

Gayle M. Putt, a new subscriber from Forest Park, OH, wrote August 29: "I just learned of the Kimmel Family News through another Kimmel descendant and am enclosing \$5.00 for a subscription!



I am delighted to find a newsletter devoted to this side of my family. I was especially happy to get the

January '95 issue of your newsletter. I had also been given information that J. Michael Kimmel died in Mississippi but another source had said Pennsylvania. I, too, was wondering, "What was Michael doing in Mississippi?" I'm delighted to have seen the little paragraph that solved that mystery!

I am a descendant of Johann Michael Kimmel through his son Phillip -> son George -> daughter Catherine Kimmel. Catherine married Jacob Schwartz (her cousin Ursula m. his brother George).

"The offspring of Catherine & Jacob migrated to S. ILL about 1814 or so... primarily Jackson CO, and pretty much stayed there.

Other Kimmels of Catherine's family settled there as well, including her brother Peter and his son Singleton. Singleton, as I'm sure you know, was the grandfather of Admiral Husband E. Kimmel... There are still plenty of relatives of both sides in the area, I understand...

I'd love to hear from any other Schwartz-Kimmel descendants as well and swap information. ...The Schwartzes and Kimmels intermarried quite a lot down the generations. I anxiously awaiting the next issue of the newsletter.

"I have a little Kimmel mystery of my own. Perhaps if you can publish it, there might be another Kimmel researcher out there with the answer. Catherine Kimmel m. Jacob Schwartz's family settled in Somerset Co PA where Jacob was a merchant. They had eight children, but we have only the names of four positively, and possibly a fifth--Juliana, George, Edward, Jacob and probably Lydia. Most, if not all, of these children moved west into Illinois about 1814.

Researcher Jack Schell stated in an article he wrote that Jacob died on 26 July 1842 in Salisbury PA. He is buried in the old cemetery there. Catherine died in 1844 and is buried in Pomona Twp, Jackson Co IL. At first glance, it would appear that Catherine left PA about 1842 after Jacob's death to be with her children in IL, dying there two years later.

However, a Catherine Schwartz of the right age to be our Catherine is found on the 1818 census of Jackson Co IL. Where there are several early references to her sons, George & Edward, her brother Peter Kimmel and other family members, there is no census record of a Jacob Schwartz his age. Nor can I find any cemetery record for her husband (in case the information that he was buried in PA was wrong!).

It seems obvious that Catherine Kimmel Schwartz left her husband, Jacob, behind in PA to travel west with her children. But why? Am I reading the records correctly? I'm just wondering if any other Kimmel researchers might have more information about this branch of the family and can verify or prove wrong my assumption that Catherine told Jacob "Hasta la vista, baby!"

Gayle's letter included a nine-page printout of descendants of Catherine Kimmel Schwartz, including such family names as Glotfelty, Mausley, Livengood, Dively, Lichtler, Reno, Lemming, Kimmel, Casleton, Smith, Foertmeyer, Karraker, and many more. Locales include Jackson & Williamson Co., IL; Chariton Co. MO; IN; MI; OH; PA; etc. ...ries and documents of this line of Kimmels.

She also tells us of another Kimmel descendant on her side of the family who played professional baseball: Ned Reno Kimmel (born Oct. 9, 1893, in Elkville, IL; died Feb. 1943 in Terre Haute, IN), she says, "played pro baseball briefly for the Philadelphia A's," then later became a mining inspector and owned a filling station.

From G. Franklin Kimmel of

Cheyney, PA, we have great news:

IT'S A BOY!



"I am pleased, excited, proud & delighted to announce the wondrous

Gayle Putt also sent us a copy of a 1991 publication she uncovered during her research: Kimmel and Allied Families; by Frederick DeBow Fulkerson of Tulsa, OK.

These Kimmels may or may not be somehow connected to the family of Johann Michael Kimmel, but they emigrated nearly 100 years later. This "Kimmel history begins with emigrant Karl Kimmel, who came from Prussia to America in the 1850's and settled in St. Joseph, MO," writes Fulkerson a son of Gertrude Kimmel Fulkerson, descended from Karl & Louisa Striegnitz Kimmel.

addition to my branch of the family tree Thornton Scott Kimmell was born to Todd & Kristin Kimmell on August 1995.

"On the mediocre side, I enclose \$5 dues. Time goes by so quickly, sure a year has gone by since I first subscribed.

persons naturalized in Pennsylvania 1740-1773:

Conrad Keehmle, April 10, 1751, Philadelphia County;
George Keemer, March 22, 1761, Philadelphia County;
Jacob Kiemill, 13 Sept 1761, Northampton County;

George Kemmell, Sept 2, 1764, Lancaster County;

George Kiehmly, April 9, 1765, Philadelphia County.

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THE KANSAS KIMMELS AND TWO ORPHAN TRAIN RIDERS

*based on the research and writings
of Connie DiPasquale*

For the Oskaloosa, KS., Kimmels, first came the notice in the *Jefferson County Tribune* on January 13, 1911:

Fourteen little folks from the orphanages of New York City arrived at Oskaloosa Thursday and will be placed in homes in and around Oskaloosa.... The meeting will be held at the opera house at 11 o'clock this morning."

In the party, the notice explained, were five girls and nine boys, ranging in age from 2 to 15 years, who would arrive by train under the sponsorship of the Children's Aid Society, each to be placed

with some as-yet-unknown family. "They are well behaved and look very clean and decent."

This little group of what turned out to be 15 children arriving by train was not particularly unusual in American history. The custom of Orphan Trains lasted from 1853 to 1930, moving 200,000 children out of New York, finding them homes in other states.

By 1910 more than 4,100 of these children had come to Kansas; and it is believed that by the time the trains officially stopped running, 5,000-6,000 "orphan" children had been sent to there.

The children were not necessarily true orphans. Some had one or more living parents but had become wards of the public for one reason or another.

The two main institutions involved with "sending children west," according to Connie DiPasquale, were the Children's Aid Society and the New York Foundling Hospital. "Children's Aid was begun by Rev. Charles Lorin Brace, and New York Foundling by the Sisters of Charity," both still in existence today.

"The Foundling Hospital always tried to arrange the children's 'placements' with 'local' families before the children ever left New York, according to Connie, "But the Children's Aid Society used 'placing agents' who would send notices to be placed in newspapers announcing that children would be brought on a certain date, and for anyone interested to attend and choose a child."

"Adoption is not demanded," the *Jefferson County Tribune* advised in its 1911 announcement.

"They are placed in homes under contract and are visited twice in the first year and once each year thereafter..."

Among the 15 Orphan Train children presented on the stage of the old Oskaloosa Opera House January 17, 1911, were a sister and brother, Anna and William James Potthoff, who went home with Louis and Margaret Kimmel.

In its January 20, 1911, edition, in an article headed "The New York Orphans All Find Homes," *The Oskaloosa Independent* told its readers: "Louis H. Kimmel, a mile east of town, has the oldest two of the lot, Anna Potthoff, aged 15, and William, her brother, aged 13 years." All the other children from the group were placed with nearby Oskaloosa and Valley Falls families, with the *Independent* giving details about each placement.

Connie DiPasquale, Anna May Potthoff's granddaughter and Secretary of the Kansas Orphan Train Reunion Group, has delved into the records to learn more about the Potthoff children and how they came to be riders on that Orphan Train.

She writes: "According to the records at the Children's Aid Society, Anna was born on April 23, 1895, and William was born on July 23, 1897. Both were born



William James (Potthoff) Kimmel (1897-1987), in uniform Kimmel Family News, February 1996



Anna May, daughter of Joseph and Tony Williamson Keeting, from New York City to rural Kansas, at age 12. (Source: photo of the family album.)

in Staten Island [NY]. Their parents were William and Anna White Potthoff. Their father was a painter. Both parents were Protestant.... On July 6, 1909, Anna and William were placed in the Five Points House of Industry in New York City. No reason why was given.

"On January 10, 1911, they were transferred to the Children's Aid Society. By this time, their parents' whereabouts were unknown. On January 17, 1911, Anna and William had arrived by train in Oskaloosa, KS., and were placed with the Louis Kimmel family."

Louis and Margaret Edmonds Kimmel were not childless when they added Anna May and young William to their rural household. Their daughter Eunice (1908-1965) was not yet three years old, their son Garland (born 1910) was less than a year old, and a new baby, Doris (1912-1958), was on her way.

Eventually, two more little brothers were born--Henry David (1919) and Louis E. (1921)--and called William their big brother

What a change that Kansas family farm must have been for two Staten Island youngsters! "The only stories that Anna

ever shared regarding her early life, were ones of playing on the docks and the large ships that were in port," Connie DiPasquale wrote, "...and stories of teasing the Chinese laundrymen until they chased her down the street with hot irons."

"Anna was never formally adopted by the Kimmel family," Connie continues, "and she never talked about her time spent there." There is no indication that she maintained contact with the Kimmel family after she was old enough to leave.

At the age of 19 she married a young man of the Oskaloosa community, Claude Vendel. "She never spoke of this young man, or her marriage, to her family," says Connie. She obtained a divorce from him 3 years after the marriage, on the grounds of 'abandonment for more than one year.' There were no children from this marriage and Anna's maiden name was restored to her at that time."

After that, Anna moved to Topeka, KS, where she worked at the Capitol City Laundry. She and Joseph (Tony) Williamson Keeting, who had been working in Topeka, were married February 20, 1918, in St. Joseph, MO.,

just before he left for service in World War I. After the Armistice Anna and Tony settled down to married life in Topeka. "Their first daughter, Mildred, was stillborn in 1922. But that tragedy was quickly followed with the births of Doris in 1923, Betty (Connie's mother) in 1926, and Joseph in 1929," Connie reports.

Anna died June 8, 1968, in Valley Falls, KS. Her children and grandchildren remember her affectionately: "She was a joyful person, a Christian, she loved people, loved her family, loved life."

Anna's little brother, William James Potthoff, apparently was able to fit into the Kimmel family better than his sister and became known as William James Kimmel. While there is no evidence of formal adoption for him, he took the Kimmel surname for his own, and in family obituaries he is listed as a brother and son.

"In some of his personal correspondence, dated January 23, 1982," Connie wrote, "he did appear to be happy and content with his new family. He remained close to them and corresponded with them throughout his life."

Connie tells us what she learned about William's life, which included a military career. "In April 1916," he wrote in January, 1982, "I enlisted in the National Guard. Served five months on the Mexican border. Arrived back home December 1916 and went back to school."

"I went back with the Kimmels and I was with them in August 1917 when Co. B, 139th Infantry was called out for WWI. Left September 24 for Ft. Sill, OK."

"In May 1918 I arrived in Topeka, WWI was over. I came back a First Sergeant. There was a write-up in the *Oskaloosa Independent* about me."

"In the interim the Kimmels moved to Topeka. Louis had started a meat packing company. Until October 1919 worked at the plant here and there. Since the Kimmels had a family, I left them and was on my own."

"October 16 I started with the Santa Fe Railway. There I met Emma Kragon and was married September 3, 1921. We had two boys; one [William James Kimmel, Jr.] died in infancy."

"The other [Robert G. Kimmel] grew to manhood. He graduated from Topeka High School and went to Kansas State for two years when he was picked for West Point in 1948. He graduated in 1952 and was married at West Point. He had three children. His assignments were many and in 1967 he was sent to Vietnam where he was a Battalion Commander Lt. Col. on the front. He was killed November 14."

William Kimmel's letter indicates he had come contact with his birth family after he was grown. "After we were married we made several trips to New York. I wanted to find out about my relations. I contacted about all of them and visited them at different times. I found my mother once, even where I used to live. I found that my life on Staten Island was not good."

William's 1982 letter to Connie summarizes his own military career. "I was still in the National Guard after WWII. I joined Hdqs Co. 69th Brig. as first Sergeant and attained the rank of Capt. Company Commander. So in 1940 was called out for training, so in 1941 when the War came we were Federalized. When the co. went overseas I stayed in Little Rock, AR. At that time they called everyone that was in WWII 'retread.'

"In 1942 the Air Corps was wanting administration officers, so I was sent to the A.C. I was at several stations until I was sent to the Pacific Theater. So I crossed the Atlantic and Pacific. When Japan surrendered I requested to be separated, as the Santa Fe wanted me back. I went back to work in 1946. I left the service as a Major.



Bill and Emma Kimmel (c. 1970)

"After I came back to work in 1955 I was promoted to Traveling Auditor and transferred to Colorado Springs, CO. I retired in 1966 after 46 years and nine months. Emma and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary together last year."

William Kimmel passed away in 1987 in Colorado Springs. Connie writes, and his wife Emma died in 1991. William's survivors include a daughter-in-law and three grandchildren, as well as his three adopted brothers--Garland, Henry David, and Louis E. Kimmel--and several nieces and nephews."

"I look forward to having an opportunity in the future to perhaps visit with members of the Kimmel family about Grandma and Uncle Bill," Connie DiPasquale writes.

"If you should ever hear about anyone having any 'indenture papers,' artifacts, or additional information about Grandma and Uncle Bill, I'd love to know about it!"

KIMMEL ANCESTORS BEFORE JOHANN MICHAEL

by Tim Kimmel

Descendants of David Kimmel and Leah Riegel who have read *Kimmel Family News* already know their Kimmel line back to Germany:

David
John Michael
David, the Revolutionary soldier
Philip
Johann Philip who came to America in 1755
Johann Michael Kimmel

Any American Kimmel who can trace back to Johann Philip or Philip's brothers, Jacob of the Ephrata Cloister and Valentine (father of the Cumberland County, PA., Kimmels), ties to Johann Michael Kimmel in Germany.

There's more. Dr. Hermann Kummell (with umlaut) records the lineage of the Kimmels of Neukirchen, a town south of Kassel, Germany.

H. K. Stoner, the family researcher who detailed the arrival of Johann Philip Kimmel in America and the descendants of his sons here, cites the same **Dilmanus** as the oldest known Kimmel in his family tree, so he must have had access to the same body of work from with Dr. Kummell collected his offering in the *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch*, the German record of family lineages.

Here are the ancestors of **Johann Michael Kimmel** back to Dilmanus. Surnames are those as reported by Dr. Hermann Kummell.

Johann Michael Ku"mmell. Born in Alsheim in the Palatinate in 1662, he was the father of Jacob and Valentine Kimmel who moved to America in 1751 and Philip Kimmel who followed them in 1755. He served as a mercenary soldier in Poland and as a judge in Gimbshheim.

Hans Konrad Ku"mmell. Born in Oppenheim in the Palatinate in 1635. Father of Johann Michael and Johann Georg. Bath owner and barber at Alsheim.

Konrad Ku"mmell Born in Oppenheim in the Palatinate in 1610 and father of Hans Konrad.

Konrad Kummell. Born in 1583, probably in Nidda in Hessen. Moved to Oppenheim, where he was a barber and surgeon. Known to be a member of the Lutheran church.

Eckart Kummell. Born in the early 1540s in Neukirchen in Hessen. Served as messenger for the high court at Marburg and as town clerk at Nidda.

Ludwig Koemmell. Born about 1515 in

Neukirchen in Hessen. He was a mill owner in Neukirchen. Sons **Cunradus, Jost, and Eckart.**

Henrich Komel. Born 1493 in Neukirchen in Hessen. A student at Erfurt and a resident and mill owner in Neukirchen.

Hen Komel, der Jung. (Hen, Junior) Born about 1470 in Neukirchen in Hessen where he was a landowner. Conjectured to be father to **Henrich** born in 1493 and **Ambrosius** born about 1500.

Hen Komel, der Alt. (Hen, Senior). Born about 1450 in Neukirchen in Hessen. A landowner.

Ludwig Komel. Born about 1420 in Neukirchen in Hessen. Resident and landowner in Neukirchen. Conjectured to have had sons **Hen (der Alt)** and **Lodewig.**

Dilmanus Kumel. Born about 1391. Resident of Neukirchen in Hessen. A student in Erfurt in 1408. Conjectured to be father of **Ludwig Komel** born about 1420.

Tim Kimmel is a Kimmel genealogist who lives in Ft. Wayne, IN. He traces his lineage to "Jacob of Berks" (NOT Jacob of Ephrata).



PEARL
WILTFONG
HUMMER
1893-1995

Pearl
Wilftong
Hummer
died July
19, 1995, at

her home in Manhattan, Ks. She was 101 years old.

A memorial service was held in Manhattan and followed by graveside services at Fairmont Cemetery in Follett, TX.

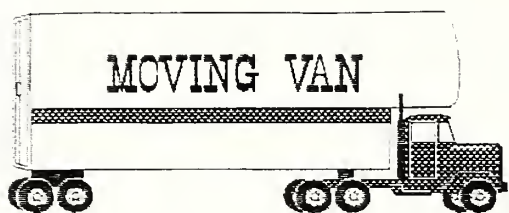
Pearl Wilftong was born September 7, 1893, near McPherson, KS. She attended high school at Cordell, OK. A member of the Church of the Brethren, she received her BA degree in 1925 from McPherson College at the age of 32.

In 1926 she married **Melvin Samuel Hummer**, who was a son of Clement and Martha Kimmel Hummer. They farmed in the Huntoon area along the Texas and Oklahoma panhandle until Mr. Hummer's death in 1975.

Mrs. Hummer had also taught in rural schools in western Oklahoma and later Texas. The Hummers had three children. Their daughter **Genevieve** died

children. Their daughter **Genevieve** died in infancy in 1930. Their son **Dr. Lloyd Hummer** of Wichita, KS, and daughter **Verlla Coughenour** of Manhattan, KS., survive, as do 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Rose Ivy Kimmel Whitmer descendants:

Paul K. Whitmer of Kansas City, MO., wrote in January: "I want you to know that I enjoy the *Kimmel Family News*, and my thanks to you.... I am enclosing my \$5 contribution.

"My grandmother was **Rose Ivy Kimmel Whitmer**. It was great to see my son **Brian's** picture and article on the front page of the August 1995 issue--sent to you by **Marge Whitmer** (not by his dad!).

"After that came out, in November 1995 **Brian's** restaurant in Monterey CA was named the best new restaurant in the United States by *Esquire Magazine*. He is considered a world class Chef and has been invited to Europe several times to cook there. He has a new son, **Justin Paul Whitmer**."



Paul also sent changes of address for two other sons [see Mail List above].

Gary Whitmer, he tells us, married **Margaret Smith** this past October.

Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer descendants:

We have a card mailed from Reno, NV from **Charlotte & Ritch Davidson**:

"Happy New Year! We received the newsletter you had to resend and apologize for that. Our long planned move met with delay after delay.

"In the meantime, our home buyers wanted to move in before Christmas, so we left Santa Clara early in December and moved into our resort-area home at Lake Tahoe from where I **intended** to send you a Christmas card with check and address change.

"It was at that time that I realized I didn't have your address with me. So, now, here it all is. My new address will be operational January 22. I see you have also moved and hope it went smoothly. It is a lot of work, isn't it?? **Ritch's** mom, age 91, will be living with us so we had to move (and sort and clean and discard and donate) two households! We won't do anything like that again, I'm sure!

"As always, we are enjoying the recent issue and greatly appreciate the time and effort you give to make it so good. God bless."

Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants:

December 5, we had a phone call from **Pauline Hummer Duke** of B Cabin, OK, who says she'd like to see us all put together a book list all the descendants of **J. Philip Kimmel**. She also raised the possibility of a big all-Kimmel family reunion "somewhere in the middle of the country" in the next few years..."

The descendants of **David & Leah Riegel Kimmel**, of course, are already planning a Kimmel reunion at McLouth, KS., in the summer of 1997, at which other Kimmels are welcome. **Marie Kimmel Moffet** of Route 1, Box 187, Ozawie, KS., is chairman of the *Kimmel Reunion Committee*. But perhaps there's interest in a reunion specifically for the wider Kimmel clan in another locale?

From Perryton, TX., **Roy & Marjery Stollings** wrote January 4: "We enjoy the *Kimmel Family News* so very much and do appreciate all the work that you put into it. **Roy** is a grandson of **Clement & Martha [Kimmel] Hummer** and son of **Rhoda Hummer**.

"Enclosed is \$10 for our present dues and dues for our daughter, **Barbara Schoellkopf** of Columbus, IN."

Josiah Riegel Kimmel descendants:

From McLouth, KS, we have a Christmas letter: "Greetings from **John and Mary Bower** to our family and friends everywhere! We have had another good year at McLouth. We had



generally good crops, in spite of late planting due to excessive rains, and very little rain this fall. Once again, Kansas was green all summer.

"In February, **Mary** and I celebrated our sixth anniversary. How time flies when you are having good times together! The last week of April we went to Salina for the mid-year meeting of the Kansas Women's Christian Temperance Union.

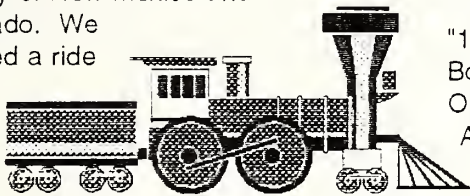
"That woodpecker came back this year determined to make a hole for a nest in the side of our house. When all efforts to scare him away failed, I got out the gun. So, for two or three weeks, I would shoot and he would fly away. But he came back once too often. He won the battles, but I won the war!

"In June, **Mary** and I were rear-ended

North Lawrence, totaling our little Plymouth Reliant and giving us whiplash injuries. We had been looking for a car with more leg room, but that is a tough way to trade. We are fairly well recovered, but it seems we spent most of the summer going to the chiropractor.

"In August, our church published a history of its first 110 years, which I had been working on for more than 10 years. In late August, I flew out to Portland, OR, for a week with **Ron & Jan**. They make the best fingernail products [**Five Minute Miracle**] in the country. But between the competition and government regulations and taxes, it is hard for small business to survive, but they are hanging on.

"In late September, **Mary** and I went to Great Bend for the annual meeting of the state WCTU. We came home by way of New Mexico and Colorado. We enjoyed a ride on the



Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, a part of the old Rio Grande narrow gauge line across the San Juan Mountains to Durango. We climbed up in the mountains for nearly 40 miles, part of it a breath-taking trip along the edge of a deep canyon. The aspens were beautiful at high altitudes.

"On our way home, we stopped in Denver to see **Naomi Orr**, Mary's foster daughter, and **Katy**, Mary's (first) new great-great-granddaughter.

"Here, we have welcomed a stray kitten somebody abandoned. Princess has worked her way into our home and our hearts.

"We had Thanksgiving dinner with **Dave & Judy Miller**, Mary's daughter, in Oskaloosa. We enjoy **Sam & Amanda** (Judy's kids) and their school functions.

"**Mary** still does volunteer work at the Oskaloosa nursing home and the library. She is Memorial Secretary of the Kansas WCTU, and is still battling the computer. I am chairman of deacons of the Baptist church, Sunday school teacher, and treasurer of the county historical society. The Lord continues to bless our church. Today we had more than 200 at morning worship.

"How thankful Mary and I are for the love we have found together, for family and friends who care, for a good community, and for our church, where we share the warmth of Christian love.

"And how thankful that God loved us so much that He gave His only Son on that first Christmas, so that we might have life, full and rich and abundant. May the love of God fill your hearts and lives at this Christmas season and go with you in

the new year."

They also gave us a change of address for **Judy Kimmel Miller** and added "She was quite sick about a month ago and lost some weight. That is a tough way to do it, but she looks great..."

Henry Harrison Kimmel descendants:

Richard D. Kruse of Ladoga, IN., sent a note December 8: "Enclosed please find my check for subscription to *Kimmel Family News*. Let me say "THANKS" for your efforts in getting the publication compiled and out--a big effort, obviously, and well done.

"Our family is very well, busy, and looking forward to Christmas in Indiana and Kansas, with New Year's at our Michigan summer (winter) home.

"1996 plans include a trip to the Super Bowl in Phoenix and the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. [While you're in Atlanta, Richard, you might want to visit Kimmel cousin **Virginia Bower Mason's** shop, Southern Artistry, in Stone Mountain Village!--Ed.]

"I've driven I-70 several times, the past five months, through Columbia, and I'm always tempted to try to make a luncheon date to get to know each other, but so far it hasn't worked out. I'm involved in a major renovation of my fraternity house at Kansas State which is requiring some of my time. Both brother **Tom Kruse** and I were actives at Farm House Fraternity at K-State."

Judy Ruth Kimmel of Topeka, KS, wrote December 9: "Enclosed is \$5 to renew my subscription to *Kimmel Family News*. I am the daughter of **Robert Louis Kimmel** and granddaughter of **Raymond David Kimmel**. Thanks for the fine job on the newsletter. I enjoy it!"

Our spies in Topeka, KS., credit

Marie Kimmel Moffet, church organist, with writing the Christmas contata for the Topeka Church of the

Brethren. But they say she modestly disclaimed authorship, saying she plagiarized most of it from Luke.

February 12, **Julia Clark Gwynn** wrote from Sacramento, CA with some updated information on her family. Julia is the daughter of **Nettie Kimmel Sullivan Clark (1887-1975) & Lee E. Clark (1884-1967)**.

"I'm enclosing the updated genealogy which is the best that my sister **Janet** and I could come up with." Julia has three children. Her daughter **Janet**

Lawson is the wife of **Jonathan Guest**, and they have a daughter, **Julie Claire Guest**, born in 1988.

Julia's son **Abram Lawson III**, known as "Buck," is married to **Kimberly Hiatt Buck & Kim**, who live in Atlanta, GA., are expecting a child this summer.

Mary Vivian Lawson, Julia's youngest, recently married **Craig Mecom Arnold** but is keeping her maiden name. The Lawson-Arnolds live in Colorado.



"My daughter, **Mary Viv**, was married in January on schedule," Julia writes, "and she and her husband **Craig** are living in Denver..."

"My Bower cousins were always a lot older than me so I really didn't know them very well. I'm now 71. Please say hello from me the next time you write or talk to Don. It's been a LONG time..."

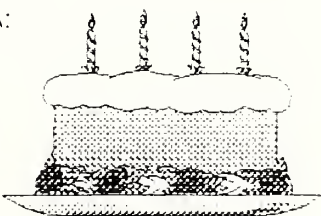
"I wish I had some family stories but can't think of anything that would be of general interest. I agree with you that we should try to preserve what we know and pass it on to the next generations. How I wish I could talk to my mother and father now! I do have a wonderful picture of the Kimmel family taken at the family home in McLouth. It probably was taken before I was born, and your dad may be one of the kids in it. I also have a copy of a wonderful treatise on **Henry Kimmel** written by **Gordon Bower**..."

from **Sharron Bower McGill**, Shoreline, WA:

"**Gary & Jennifer** helped me to celebrate my 40th birthday.

On Saturday evening, we rented and watched a movie, then we roller skated for an hour and a half in the IMA Building. On Sunday, they took me out for brunch. Then we drove to Edmonds Waterfront and enjoyed looking at the boats in the Marina. Just across the Puget Sound we had an incredible view of the snow-capped mountains. Later we shopped in the many shops and galleries. It was a beautiful day and I had a great time!"

She also sent us some pictures. "**Jennifer** took some nice pictures over Christmas. We thought you'd like a couple. Hope you enjoy them."





Donald Kimmel Bower, who will turn 87 on April 13, was photographed at Christmas by Jennifer McGill, his great-granddaughter.

note: "I enjoy the quarterly family news very much. The cousins have had a hand in a lot of our country's history.

"My family has served in three wars. The first was **Bill** (Orphan Train adopted), who was in World War I and was awarded the Purple Heart. All four sons served in WW II, with **Bill & Louis** serving overseas. **Louis** served in the Korean War and was awarded the Silver Star.

"**Bill's** only son, **Bobby**, was a graduate of West Point and served in the Vietnam War, where he was shot down in a helicopter and killed. The Kimmel family has served when the country called.

"Naomi and I are getting ourselves together after losing Betty.

"Keep up the good work of keeping the family aware of who we are and from where we come. Merry Christmas and happy New Year's, all! Love from your cousins, **Naomi & Garland**."

We also have a December 15 note from **John & Mary Bower**: "I can hardly believe how fast Christmas is coming on. I have been fighting a cold. Doc gave me a penicillin shot, but it still hangs on. I have coughed until my chest muscles hurt. Mary won't let me get by without taking my cough medicine. It is strong enough Doc warned me not to drive after taking it for fear I might go to sleep."

Uncle John couldn't resist tweaking my nose about one of my goofs in the last issue, when I guess I forgot I had moved: "I am just looking at the *Kimmel Family News* and was surprised to note you still showed the return address as 100 Austin. Just goes to show nobody's perfect..."

"I am enclosing the obituary of **Pearl Hummer**. You may not have seen it or heard about her death. The Wiltfongs were neighbors of Dad and Mother and our Bower relatives at Cordell, OK.

"I remember being at their home when we visited in 1916. (We were probably there also in 1924.) I also remember **Melvin Hummer** and being at the Hummer home on the



Between 1854 and 1930, over 200,000 children were sent "west" from New York ... over 4,100 were sent to Kansas.

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Do You Have A
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In Your Family?

Texas-Oklahoma line on the same 1916 trip. I was four, going on five. Day after tomorrow, I will be 84.

"I recently received an interesting letter from an **Alice Archer** of New Paris, IN. She saw my name in an old newsletter of the Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists. Her great-grandfather, **John King**, was 'raised by Aunt **Lydia Wertenberger**,' who was **Lydia Kimmell** before she married **David Wertenberger** 22 Feb. 1852. They may have moved to Marshall County, KS.

"She says, 'She may have died 20 Feb 1893,' and 'if there is a Mt Pleasant Cemetery in a Waterville Township, she is probably buried there.' I called the County Clerk's office in Marysville. There is a Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Waterville Twp, but their incomplete record did not show any Wertenberger.

"Now I need to drive up to Waterville (which is on the way to Jewell County, where Mary's father is buried) and have a look. Fun, isn't it! God bless you all."

A nice surprise: a letter from **Connie DiPasquale**, granddaughter of **Anna May Potthoff** and great-niece of **William James [Potthoff] Kimmel**, brother and sister who became the adopted or foster children of **Louis & Margaret Edmonds Kimmel**. Connie, who is Secretary of the Kansas Orphan Train Reunion Group, learned about the *Kimmel Family News* on the internet from "other Kimmel cousin" **Mike Rohrer**, himself a new subscriber.

"This is just too exciting! Mike told me he was sharing my information with someone else involved with the Kimmel name, but I didn't expect this!

"Let me introduce myself. My name is **Connie DiPasquale**. I live in Carbondale, KS., and work at Washburn University in Topeka, KS... I also am the current secretary of the Kansas Orphan Train Reunion Group, and a member of the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America..."

"My grandmother was **William James [Kimmel]'s** big sister, **Anna May**.... This summer I did write their story and deliver a copy of it to the Jefferson County Historical Society, so that the correct version (as I know it) would be available..."

"If it's not any trouble, could you include... a basic query for me? For anyone with any information they think might be of interest to me, to please contact me at my home address?

"I'm, of course, interested in information directly related to Grandma and Uncle Bill, but am also interested in information on the 'first husband' that deserted my grandma--**Claude Vendel**. And also basic information about the Jefferson County area at the time Grandma and Uncle Bill lived there."

From **Garland & Naomi Kimmel** of Henryetta, OK, we have a December 15



Cathy Bower Barnett of Phoenix, AZ, poses beside the guaranteed biggest snowman in Don Bower's Wichita neighborhood.



First cousins Jennifer McGill of Seattle, Shawn & Wendy Barnett of Phoenix, spent Christmas week in Wichita, KS.

Don Bower enjoyed a houseful of Christmas company--granddaughter **Cathy Bower Barnett** flew in from Phoenix with her children, **Shawn & Wendy**, and brand-new fiance, **Paul**. And Cathy's big sister, **Sharron Bower McGill** flew down from Seattle with husband **Gary** and daughter **Jennifer**.

Since the Barnetts live in Phoenix, they really enjoyed the light amount of snow that was on the ground for their visit, and made the most of it by constructing the biggest snowman in the neighborhood. If it looked less than traditional in shape, well, perhaps Arizona's traditions for snowmen are different.

Out in Columbia, MO., **Mike & DeeDee Tompkins** proudly attended Fairview Elementary's DARE program graduation, where fifth-grade daughter **Cassie** read her winning poem. (Five poems were selected for this honor out of 150 student submissions, and Cass's was one.)

Deanna Tompkins' fledgling weight-loss counseling business, **Weight No More**, was recently featured by the *Columbia Daily Tribune*. Her new business has been successful enough that she has resigned from her job at Boone National Savings.

Ken & Jan Tompkins celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary

December 30.

Jan Tompkins traveled to McPherson College (KS) in February for a workshop, then drove on down to Wichita for a visit with the Bower family. (One of the reasons for the lateness of this issue.) Sister-in-law **Marilyn Griffin Bower** hard at work organizing and planning the Wichita St. Patrick's Day Parade for Sam's Club.

Down in Georgia, **Virginia Bower Mason** wants us all to look in the April issue of

Southern Living when it comes out, because it not only features Stone Mountain Village, where her gallery is, but specifically mentions her shop--**Southern Artistry**, which sells handmade one-of-a-kind things. "It's also supposed to mention five of our best artists," she says, "including **Jack Mason**."

OTHER KIMMEL COUSINS:

In November, **Shirley Gelineau** of San Antonio TX sent along copies of data she unearthed about her Kimmel ancestors:

"Union County, State of Illinois, Administration File 191

Administrator **William Kimmel**, dated March 23, 1864; witnesses **George W. Williams & John Rhinchart**. Condition of obligation of **Wm Kimmel** Real Estate. NE SW Section... 40 acres purchased by **Thomas H. Hill** and wife abt 15 acres in cultivation, log house and other buildings valued at \$800.00. Sale bill purchasers: **Caroline Leright**, cooking stove. **Caroline Leright**, a side saddle 15th day April 1864.

"Union County, Illinois Administrator **William Kimmel** March 23 1864. **William Kimmel** deposes that **Emeline Leright** late of Union County and State of Illinois is dead and that she died on or before 6th day of March AD 1864, at her residence in Union County, IL, and that her personal estate probably be or amount to \$125.00. That said **Emeline** left at time of her death: No husband, **Catherine Leright**, [Mary] **Ann Anderson** [md 20 Apr 1861 **Ervin W Anderson**], **Caroline Leright**, **John Leright**, **Penina Leright** [born after 1850 census], her children. Signed by **Wm Kimmel** 22nd day of March AD 1864." Source: Printed marriages of Union Co. IL 977.3995x22ii from **Rozella Jordan** to **Shirley Gelineau** 1990.

"LDS records reflect **Emmaline Kimmel** born 1819 to **John Kimmel & Mary Shrode/Shroad**; also an **Abiah Kimmel**, born 1808, Union Co IL to **John Kimmel & Mary Shrode/Shroad**."

And in **Pioneer Sketches of Union Co. IL**, 977.3995O3c, she found a photograph of **George W.** (1820-1876) & **Eliza Jane Smith** (1823-1885) **Kimmel**.

Perry Lester Kimmell of Aurora, IL., called in February to tell us he's back home after 14 weeks in the hospital. He has recovered from a bout of pneumonia and a temporary loss of memory, and says he's still walking with a walker.

He was eager to report receiving a letter from **Ned Kimmel** concerning the Kimmel/Short hearing, which he says we should receive soon.

Perry, a long-time Kimmell/Kimmel researcher, says he'll be 87 on May 17. **Perry's** mailing address, for those who want to send him a card, is 728 Lebanon Street, Aurora, IL., 60505-5131.

Mrs. P M Baratta wrote November 6 to correct her mailing address and adding, "Received my November issue of the newsletter, and I do enjoy it."

Tim Kimmel of Ft. Wayne, IN., responded to a inquiry in the November 1995 newsletter.

Gayle Putt had expressed interest in finding information verifying that **Catherine Kimmel Schwartz**, daughter of **George Kimmel** and wife of **Jacob Schwartz**, had left her husband. This might interest her

"The library in Huntington, IN., has a version of **H. K. Stoner's** report on **George Kimmel's** family which included an 1817 assignment to his sons **Peter & George Jr** as to the disposal of his property among his children. It had accompanied an 1825 letter from **George Jr** to his sister **Catherine Schwartz**. Both documents were transcribed to Stoner by **Roger Q. Kimmel** of Murphysboro, IL, in 1933. This assignment might be similar to **George's** will (which I have not seen), which was probated in Pittsburgh, PA shortly after his death in 1818.

"**George's** intentions included conveyance of 300 acres of land near Kaskasia, IL., to **Peter & George Jr** in trust for the benefit of **Catherine** and her children. Also: 'As to the house and lot in the town of Berlin, Somerset County, which I heretofore intended to convey to my son-in-law, **Jacob Swartz** and my daughter **Catherine** and which conveyance was signed but not delivered, I authorize my said sons, **Peter** and **George**, to dispose of them same in fee simple and dispose of the money arising from the sale thereof for the use of my daughter, **Catherine**, and her children, unless said **Jacob Swartz** give up the suits and controversies which by evil advisors he is carrying on against me, and in that case I authorize my said sons to give him such parts of the proceeds of said house and lot not exceeding the one half.' (Don't you just hate legal lingo?) **George** assigned his sons to follow up on the debts due him except those due him from son-in-law **Jacob Swartz** which are reserved for my own use and for my further disposal."

"For whatever reason, it doesn't sound like **Catherine & Jacob** stayed together or that **Jacob** maintained a good relationship with her family. You'll probably find out if they divorced or just separated by searching court records for Somerset County, PA., for around the year 1817. I'd be interested in knowing what happened to the land near Kaskasia. **Gayle Putt** already noted **Catherine** was living in Jackson County, IL., in 1818. So was brother **Peter**. Her brother **Henry**, however, was living near Kaskasia the same year (**Henry Kimbell** in the census)--probably on her land--but moved on to Michigan after a few years.

"...Just realized my subscription renewal is due. \$5 enclosed. I always look forward to finding each issue of the *Kimmel Family News* in my mailbox."

Gayle Putt wrote from Cincinnati, OH: "I received your letter today that you forwarded from **Timothy W. Kimmel**... That's funny. I always thought that would be one question I'd never really have an answer to... but here, out of the blue, someone has a pretty good indication of what happened..."

"Another thing that tickles me. Many of the Kimmel researchers mention the work of **Dr. Stoner**. However, I wonder if any one of us has his complete work. It seems as though each of us has a different part! His work must have been pretty extensive...Thanks again for your help! This is certainly fun when you learn something new!"

Gayle M. Putt wrote again December 8: "I just received my November issue of the *Kimmel Family News* and thoroughly enjoyed it. My ears



always prick up when you see something familiar, and mine did when I read the news from **Maurine Blackwell** of Bozeman about the **Kimmel Cemetery** in Elkhville, IL. My Kimmels were from Elkhville, and I am familiar with the cemetery. It is just outside of Elkhville, though, not Murphysboro. So I thought I'd send you what I know about who's there. Maybe it will help someone.

"The official name is the **Elkhville-Kimmel Cemetery**. At least that's how it's listed in *Cemeteries of Jackson County, Illinois, Vol. III* for DeSoto and Elk Townships. Elk Twp is in the northeasternmost corner of Jackson Co. The cemetery itself is in Sec. 19 of the township (T7S R1W Sec 19) in the northeastern quarter of the section. It is located on what was once **Isaac Kimmel's** land. He was the son of **Henry & Rosina Geeting Kimmel**. (Henry being a son of **Abraham**...)

"This family of Kimmels left PA for Richland Co., OH, about 1840 and remained there about 5 years before moving on to S. Illinois. The cemetery began, as most of the old ones did, as a family plot, but eventually grew to a sizable cemetery.

"I'm enclosing a chart listing Kimmels and other descendants who are buried in this cemetery to the best of my knowledge. I'm sure there are some I've missed, not knowing their relationship, and others on the list with no relationship given are probably in my computer, but not in my memory! If anyone is interested in anyone on the list, just contact me and I'll try harder to find the connection. I pretty well have the Jackson County Kimmels covered with some exceptions here and there.

I was watching a program here called **Agricountry**. It airs on Saturday mornings and is about rural Ohio. I love watching it, and a couple of weeks ago they highlighted a **Terry Kimmel** of Mt. Blanchard in Hancock County, OH. He is the owner of a company that manufactures "**Kimmel's Mountain Man Jerky**." The program showed all about how they make their dried meat products.

"Hancock County is just two counties west of Richland County, where **Henry & Rosina Geeting Kimmel**, among others, settled for a few years before moving on to Illinois. I'd bet the farm he's 'one of us.' I'm planning on writing him a letter to see where he fits in. Keep up the good work on the newsletter!"

[Gayle sent along a four-page listing of Kimmels, Divelys, Schwartzes, etc. buried in the Kimmel-Elkhville Cemetery, including dates and many identifications of relationships. It's too long to print in our newsletter, but if you are interested, contact me or Gayle.]

Mike Rohrer of Mililani, Hawaii, wrote December 11: "Found your newsletter in the genealogy section of the Stark County Library in Canton, OH.

"My Kimmel connection is through my paternal grandmother, **Florence Irene Shroyer**, whose mother was **Irene Kimmel**. **Irene Kimmel** (1863-1925) was a daughter of **Jacob Kimmel**, who was born in Union Co. PA in 1816 and journeyed to Ohio as a young boy with his family about 1822. Jacob's father, **Joseph Kimmel** (1769-1843) was a grandson of the **Jacob Kimmel** who was a member of the Ephrata Cloister in Lancaster County PA, through the latter's son, **Johann Adam Kimmel**. Enclosed is my \$5 check for a subscription to your newsletter. Aloha!"

From San Francisco, CA, we have a December 28 note from **Gale Edwin Spittler Honeyman**. "We are shirt-tail cousins as my late grandmother was **Mary Flory Spittler**. I have an enormous collection of records of the Florys which also includes some of your Kimmels.

"The article you published on **Jesse Haines** was particularly interesting. He is buried by his folks in the Bethel Cemetery not far east of Phillipsburg, OH. My grandmother's parents and grandparent Florys are buried two rows from them. I note you gave no dates for him. He was born 22 July 1893 and died 5 August 1978.

"I have a copy of **William Kimmel's** 1981 publication of the family, so it is very easy to follow who's who in your Family Mailbox. Keep up the good work..."

Ray A. Kimmel, whose letterhead indicates he is in farm management and appraisals at Fayette, MO., sent a check and a note in January: "I have enjoyed reading the *Kimmel Family News*. I commend you for your good work on it. I especially enjoyed "What's in a Name?"

"My roots were in Jasper County, MO., around Joplin, MO, ten miles north near Spring River and between Oronogo, MO and Carl Junction, MO. My father was **Arthur George Kimmel** (a farmer), and my grandfather was **Samuel Kimmel**. **Samuel Kimmel** was a Civil War Union soldier from Jasper County, MO., and served in Tennessee. He lived to be 93 years old, a farmer retiring in Webb City, MO.

"I am 74 years old. Thanks again for sending Kimmel Family newsletter." [In checking my computer records, I think Ray's grandfather was perhaps **Samuel Adams Kimmel** (b. 1843), a descendant of **Johann George Kimmel**. How does this sound to the rest of you?--Ed.]

Billy B. Kimmel of Warsaw, MO., wrote January 6: "I don't know how I got on your mailing list but I am glad I did. There are a lot of familiar names in your newsletters as I have been doing research on the Kimmel family for many years. I have a lot of information on the Kimmels and have corresponded with a number of our cousins over the years.

"One of the interesting things I found was that **Red Skelton** is a cousin of ours--his Grandmother **Susan** was a sister to my Grandfather **Lewis**, and they were born and raised in Richland County, IL. Their father **Jacob** and mother **Nancy Tombaugh** left Stark County, OH, around 1845 and settled on a farm near Parkersburg, IL.

"I have a lot more information about the family but I am still trying to confirm the connection between **Jacob's** father **Samuel** and the rest of his line before he married **Cathrine Mory** either in Ohio or PA. **Samuel** was born sometime between 1770 and 1790 I think--he was on the 1830 census and still in Stark County OH. **Cathrine Mory** must have been born between 1780-1790 and was still there in Ohio in the 1830 census.

"I think **Johann Valentine** had a son named **Samuel** born in 1766 who had a son he named **Samuel** born in 1811. **Valentine** had another son he named **George** and five daughters but I do not have their birthdates. If anyone can help me clear this up I would be most grateful.

"I have received 3 copies of your newsletter so far but I fear I have missed a lot of information in your past editions. Is there any way to get a copy of all your publications, possibly in a

consolidated book form? Enclosed is \$5 a subscription--please let me know when it is again."

January 5 **Frederick DeBow Fulkerson IV** (**Karl Kimmel** descendant) of Tulsa, OK, sent a note: "Enclosed is my \$5 check as payment a subscription to the *Kimmel Family News*, glad to get a copy of the November 1995 is particularly as I had made a contribution, at indirectly, to the issue. I have not been actually doing Kimmel research for some time, but now get back to it. It would be interesting to determine the European origins of my branch the family. If I learn anything, I'll pass it on publication."

From **A.T. & Betty Kimmell** of Topeka, KS, we have a January note: "Please renew our subscription for 1996--and keep doing such outstanding job! We are not descendants of **David & Leah Riegel Kimmel**, but come from **Johann Jacob's** son, **Adam Kimmell** from Lancaster County, PA, but feel that all Kimmel/Kimmells are a fine group that we pride in being a member.

"We plan to visit & stay in the Kimmel House, Ephrata, PA., sometime this year--thanks for publishing a picture and story of it. I am now corresponding with **Steve Kapper**, Decatur, who told us about it."

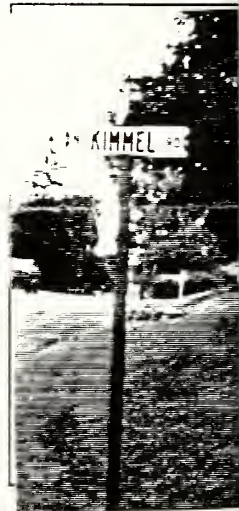
Vic Kimmel, who winters in Leesburg, FL, wrote us this February, primarily concerning Kimmels buried in Bear Creek, Hill Grove and Clayton Cemeteries, all near Dayton, OH.

Also, he wants us to know about an addition to our Kimmel geography. At Clayton, OH, near I-75, 18-20 miles from Dayton, he tells us, "The first stop sign after leaving I-70 is at **Kimmel Road**. Across the street, he says, is a Brethren Church, and he thinks this is the church where his great-grandfather, **Ad Kimmel** (1835-1900) preached. Vic's dad, if my notes are right, was a first cousin of **Jesse Haines**, the long-time Cardinals pitcher. "I used to stop at the courthouse and visit him when I was in Dayton," Vic said.

Vic, born 5/29/27, included a brief family lineage: he is s/o **Charles A. Kimmel** (b 8/21/1893, d 1/8/1942), s/o **Harvey M. Kimmel** (1865-194-), s/o **Aaron Kimmel** (1835-1900), **Michael Kimmel** (1810-1878), s/o **David Kimmel** (1763-1827), s/o **Phillip Kimmel** (1796), s/o **Johann Phillip Kimmel** (1695-1796).

"I have two children. Please place on your Kimmel newsletter mailing list: son **John Thomas Kimmel** (b 2/17/59) has dau. **Cortie Jo** (9/10/91) & son **Aaron Michael** (12/13/91). Dau. **Dawn Kimmel Roberts** (b 4/23/1963).

Vic also sent us lists of Kimmel burials in the Clayton OH Cemetery. "The Clayton Cemetery is in town (very old). My great-grandfather **Aaron Kimmel** (5/2/1835-1/27/1900) and grandmother **Elizabeth Wallace Kimmel** (1814-1914) are buried here. Next to their graves, **Kimmel** 2/8/1884 21 yrs; **Anna**, daughter, 7 To the rear of their grave markers, a very large





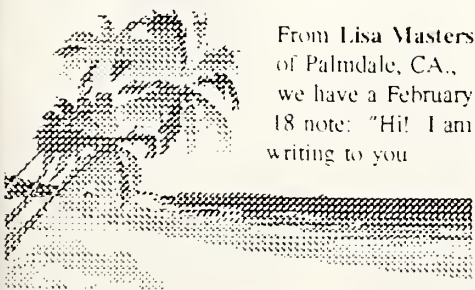
Grace Brethren Church on Kimmel Road at Clayton, OH, where Aaron Kimmel is thought to have preached.

relatively new stone: KIMMEL, Wanda J (1887-1931), and Jesse D. (1878-1941), one of Aaron's sons.... Others with a Kimmel connection in the same cemetery include J.P. Kimmel, Bell Kimmel, a dau of JP & FB, and one for "Mother, wife of E. E. Thomas.

At Bear Creek Cemetery, 10 miles west of Dayton, OH, Vic says, "to the very back of the cemetery, first section, in a section which has been closed for the past 20 years," he lists these Kimmel-related burials: David & Barbara Kroner Kimmel, John Kimmel (s/o David & Barbara); David & Mary Murray Kimmel, Elizabeth Kimmel; Daniel W. Kimmel "located against tree with rubble, s/o Jonas & Elizabeth Wolfe?"; Michael & Catherine Armentrout Kimmel; Michael C. & Sarah Ann Gebhart? Kimmel, 2 children Arthur, Julius; Catherine A., m. George A. Wuist.

In a section "around the corner from Bear Creek, called Hill Grove Cemetery, on 35 W," writes Vic, there are more Kimmel-related burials: Andrew J. Kimmel, Elizabeth S., dau. Susan M.; Edward B. Kimmel, Susan B., son William T., dau. Elizabeth; Mary Lingle "in Kimmel plot"; Jesse P. & Catherine Kimmel; Robert Nevin Kimmel; Nevin Edward Kimmel; Blanche W. Kimmel; Irene D. Kimmel; Almira Kimmel; George W. & Mary Kimmel; Lewis C. Kimmel; Alma N. Eichelberger; Daniel M. Kimmel & M. Berdella; Katherine M. Seitters & Elmer Calvin Kimmel.

If you want more details, including dates that go with these names, contact Vic or write Jan Tompkins. Vic's list also includes a note: "Next to John Kimmel headstone 1795-1877 a large headstone split in half w Catherine Wuist."



From Lisa Masters of Palmdale, CA., we have a February 18 note: "Hi! I am writing to you

because I would like to subscribe to the Kimmel Family News. My uncle Frank Kimmell already receives it, and his son Todd Kimmell. I have enjoyed every little bit of it. I have enclosed \$5.00 and would like to know how to receive the last six months' issues." [A limited number of back issues are available at a cost of \$2.00 each. Write Jan Tompkins, 325 West Hickam Drive, Columbia MO.]

Mike Rohrer of Mililani, HI, wrote us January 2: "...My greatest 'problem' continues to be identifying the parents of my gg grandmother Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Kimmel (1816-1901).

"I have their marriage record which says her maiden name was Richerd, but most other researchers have her pegged as a Brumbaugh-- though without identifying her parentage. For a number of reasons, Brumbaugh would make a lot of sense, because a number of families of that name lived in the vicinity of where Jacob grew up in Stark County, OH. And the name Richerd is not one that I have had

any luck tracing.

"Whatever her background, GG Grandma Elizabeth Kimmel must have been quite a woman, for she is credited with giving birth to 17 children, starting at age 18 in 1839 and ending at almost age 47 in 1868. Included in the bunch were two sets of twins: Lucetta & Lucinda in 1852 and Adaline & Caroline in 1857. I know this would lead some to think there was really more than one wife, but that theory doesn't hold because Jacob & Elizabeth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary together in 1888.

Thanks for the tip on the [Kimmel family] booklet from the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley. I've already received my copy... The other one you mentioned was Brethren from Gimbshelm by Annette Burgert. Is it still available? [This 1994 publication comes from AKB Publications, 691 Weavertown Rd, Myerstown, PA 17067-2642, and costs apx \$12.]

Cleve C. Kimmel of Billings, MT, writes: "There has been much discredit done to the Kimmel name through the mistreatment of Admiral Kimmel by President Roosevelt and his staff. Several members of the Kimmel lineage have tried for years to get the Navy Department to open the case and correct their earlier errors; but it would appear that these officials are all afraid of their jobs.

"We should take a united stand and continue to deluge their offices and Congressional leaders with requests to undo their wrong and correct past mistakes. Perhaps your office can be the central location for spearheading the correction. There certainly appear to be a lot of us out here who believe in this cause...

"Admiral Kimmel died May 1867 in Connecticut, spending his remaining years with his family and close friends. For many years he refused to discuss the event, being so saddened by it, and the government he so dearly trusted. Arthur Krock, NY Times columnist of that era, stated it best about the proceedings held mainly to discredit him: "I have not changed my opinion that, while Admiral Kimmel may be faulted for not giving Washington more of an argument, he was made the scapegoat on considerations of

national security which seemed paramount to the President at that time."

"In summary, the following irrefutable facts about the Pearl Harbor affair were firmly established, but the disclosures were kept secret or at least undisclosed for many years.

"a) Admiral Kimmel had established a good plan for daily long-distance airplane reconnaissance in the Pacific area so as to safeguard against a surprise attack. He was denied the airplanes on the grounds that the Navy Department could not afford such costs.

"b) He repeatedly requested that the Navy Dept provide the airplanes because he firmly believed that long-distance reconnaissance around the Hawaiian Islands coverage was needed. The Navy Dept refused to consider the requests, stating that the planes were needed elsewhere and not in the Hawaiian area where there was no war risk.

"c) The Navy Dept knew of the decoded dispatch from the Japanese mainland to their Consul General in Honolulu that directed the Consul General to provide daily reports of the exact position of each US Navy ship anchored in Pearl Harbor. The Navy Dept also specifically did not furnish or make available such knowledge to Adm. Kimmel, nor to Gen. Short, who commanded the land forces. This was considered in retrospect to be a tragic oversight but not intentional!

"d) General Short was fully in charge of the shore defenses, including the protection to afforded to all ships anchored in the harbors per govt. directive. (In the 1930's the Army & Navy prepared an official policy pamphlet defining the individual responsibilities of each branch of service when joint operations were involved. This policy placed Gen. Short solely in charge and responsible for the protection of the naval base in Honolulu from attack.) The Army did not have adequate armament to protect the base (nor were there plans to do so); but Adm. Kimmel beefed up the defenses by making the Fleet's anti-aircraft batteries fully available to augment the Army's shore guns.

"e) The Dec. 6 dispatch stating that the Japanese govt had ended diplomatic relations with the U.S. was sent by the Army command to Gen. Short by the slow commercial system, rather than the swift Navy communications that was established just for such emergencies. No communication about the severance of relations was sent to either the Navy Dept. or Adm. Kimmel. Earlier in 1941, President Roosevelt removed Admiral Kimmel from the list of persons authorized to receive decoded Japanese messages. If the Navy Dept. felt he needed to see any of them, they would send them later.

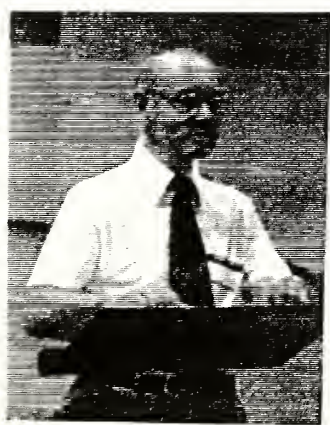
"f) Contrary to what was reported by the hostile news media, General Short and Admiral Kimmel were the best of friends, and they kept communication lines open between them. However, cooperation is far less efficient than a supreme, united command. Congress realizing their mistake when they assigned Admiral Nimitz to this position, they disposed of the dual command responsibility. Others who had repeatedly requested such action earlier were sent elsewhere.

"Since President Roosevelt didn't want any of the ships moved from the harbor for fear it might antagonize the Japanese, he alone is responsible for the loss of ships and personnel."

Assorted Kimmel descendants at an earlier Kimmel family reunion, year not given. (Help in identifying the unnamed folks and the year will be appreciated.)



Dave Hummer, Anna Kimmel Sanders, Les Kimmel, Ralph Whitmer. Year not given.



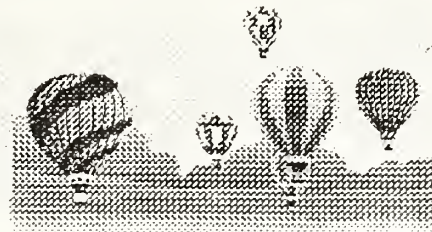
KIMMEL FAMILY NEWS
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Kimmel family news

a chronicle of Kimmel cousins

June 1996



Pauline Hummer Duke sent us this picture of five generations of Hummers at the Dave Hummer home in Booker, TX. Back row: Pauline Duke. Next row: Elizabeth Black Dudley, Mary Hummer holding baby Larry Don Dudley, Vivian Black. Larry Don Dudley was 4-1/2 months old at the time. He and his mom, Elizabeth, live in Huachuca City, AZ. Mary Hummer's husband, David D. Hummer, who died in 1992, was a grandson of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel.

ANOTHER KIMMEL ORPHAN TRAIN CONNECTION UNCOVERED

When Connie DiPasquale went to the Fourth Annual Kansas Orphan Train Reunion meeting in Great Bend, KS., this spring, she uncovered another tidbit of Kimmel history.

Kimmel family!
Can you believe it?"



"I found ANOTHER orphan train kid who was taken in by a member of the

This placement was with the Jacob Kimmel family in Sabetha, KS. on May 7, 1909, at the GAR Hall. According to the material Connie sent us, the *Sabetha Herald* carried an account of the excitement in

town when 12 orphans arrived to be distributed among 150 applicants.

Among the 12 orphans were three young Hunter brothers, each placed with separate families. Graham Hunter, age 7, "was placed with Jacob Kimmel. Graham would attend the Albany School..."

Graham's 12-year-old brother Joe was placed with the nearby William Pace family and would also attend Albany School, but their 10-year-old brother William went with the Frank Hoover family in the Rock Creek school district.

June 7-8, 1997
Kimmel reunion
McLouth, KS

For additional information, contact Marie Kimmel Moffet, chairman, Route 1 Box 187, Ozawie, KS, 66070; or John D. Bower, treasurer, Route 1 Box 261, McLouth, KS, 66054.

Little information is given about the Jacob Kimmel with whom young Hunter was placed.

Does anyone know how Jacob fits into the Kimmel family tree or what happened to little Graham Hunter?

McLOUTH HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

A daytime fire March 14 destroyed the house that Earl and Mabel Kimmel Bower built for their family more than 75 years ago near McLouth, KS.

The house, owned by Donald Kimmel Bower of Wichita, had been remodeled several times and was occupied by renters. However, no one was home at the time of the fire, and no one was injured. Don has no current plans to rebuild.

Both Don and John Bower vividly remember being involved with the construction of the house as boys; they were old enough to help with some of the work.

Because the local contractor was slow to start the job, Earl Bower took charge of the excavation for the basement, using what each brother described as "a three-team fresno."

Don Bower still has the blueprints for the house, but the first building completed on the farm, he says was the "Sale Pavilion," an attractive red-roofed barn with a large glass cupola, which furnished extra light to the interior, where pedigreed hogs were sold.

Don remembers that the house wasn't quite finished when the family actually moved to the farm in 1920, so they lived "for about a month" in the garage.

Other out-buildings were added, all with white ship-lap siding and red shingles. The farm was set off by a white board fence with an X-pattern, credited to Gordon Bower.

The farm had Kimmel connections before Earl and

Mabel Bower moved into the new house in 1920. "Andy and Mary Kimmel Whitmer lived here from 1894 until after 1900." John Bower reports.

McPHERSONS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

Marlin and Irene McPherson of Oskaloosa, KS., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary a little early with a reception on May 26 at the Oskaloosa Presbyterian Church.

Irene Turner and Walter Marlin McPherson were married June 12, 1946, and farmed in the McLouth area until their retirement.

Hosting the reception were their five daughters and their families: Eileen Simmons of Tulsa, OK; Marlene Prigel, Golden, CO; Kathleen Fewins, Lawrence, KS; Jolene Murphy, Colorado Springs,

NOTES ABOUT DAVID BOWER'S PARENTS AND SIBLINGS

David Kimmel's parents were John M. Kimmel Sr. and Esther Flory Kimmel.

John M. Kimmel, the son of David and Barbara Croner Kimmel, was born November 30, 1795, in Somerset County, PA., probably in Stony Creek Township, and presumably he moved with his parents to Ohio in 1817.

His first marriage was to Esther Flory in Montgomery County, OH., February 21, 1822.

Esther, born in 1802 in Somerset County, PA., was a daughter of Henry Flory Sr. and Anna Kagie Flory.

Says Walter Bunderman's "*Flory/Flora/Flery Family*

Brookville, Ohio... She had the old Abraham Flory clock."

John and Esther Flory Kimmel had seven children:

- (1) **Lewis Kimmel**, M.D., 1812-1849, not married;
- (2) **David Kimmel**, Brethren minister, 1826-1897 (our line), married Leah Riegel;
- (3) **Anna Kimmel**, 1829-1834;
- (4) **John Michael Kimmel Jr.**, 1831-1898, married Mary Miller, "Old Order," included in list of Brethren ministers and elders for southern Ohio in Brethren Encyclopedia;
- (5) **Sarah Kimmel Flory**, 1834-1903, wife of Daniel Flory, died at Auburn, Sangamon County, IL.;
- (6) **Maria Kimmel Vaniman**, 1827-1860, wife of Elder Daniel Vaniman and mother of missionary Rev. Albert Vaniman;

- (7) **Jacob Kimmel**, 1839-1916, first wife Nancy Garber (10 children), 2d wife Sarah Ditman (no issue).

After Esther's death in 1842, John Kimmel married Sarah Keich in Montgomery County December 3, 1844.

Sarah was born May 26, 1813, in Ohio, and died March 26, 1870. One record spells her name "Sara Kiech," and in *Montgomery County Ohio Marriages 1803-1851* by Lindsey Brien, she is listed as "Sarah Keish."

John and Sarah's children were:

- (8) **Josiah Kimmel**, 1846-1866;
- (9) **Catherine Kimmel Weist**, 1851-1875, wife of George Weist;
- (10) and an unnamed infant.

John Kimmel Sr. and his two wives are buried in the Bear

Creek Cemetery near Trotwood, Montgomery County, OH.

Some of his descendants (including ours) moved on to Illinois, and others remained in Ohio in Montgomery County, say Don Bower's notes.

"Many are members of the Old Order Dunkard Brethren near Brookville, Ohio."

The marriage certificate of John's son David Kimmel and Leah Riegel gives their address in 1849 as Liberty, south of Trotwood, in Montgomery County."

Don Whitmer's genealogy notes say, "John married Esther Flory on 2/21/1822. They were of the Dunkard faith, and John was an Old Order Dunkard preacher..."

The 1860 census for Jackson Township of Montgomery County, OH, lists the members of John Kimmel's household as:

John Kimmel, age 64, farmer, with real estate valued at \$16,000, personal property valued at \$1800;

Wife "Salie," [presumably Sarah Keich Kimmel], age 46 b. Ohio;

Son Jacob, age 20, farmhand, attended school within past year, born in Ohio;

Son Josiah, age 14, in school, born in Ohio;

Daughter Catherine, age 8, in school, born in Ohio.

Memorial Day

*In
Loving
Memory*

JOHN KIMMEL'S WILL

Be it remembered that heretofore in the Probate Court within and for the County of Montgomery and State of Ohio, to Wit; on the 22nd day of September A. D. 1877, there was presented in



Mr. & Mrs. Marlin McPherson

CO; and Gaylene Croker, Camarillo, CA. Marlin and Irene have 11 grandchildren.

Marlin's mother was Ruby Coral Kimmel McPherson, a daughter of Josiah Riegel Kimmel.

History, published in 1948 (sent to us by Bonnie Layman Lair): "Abraham [Flory]'s son, Henry, lived west of Dayton along Wolfe Creek and raised a family..."

"A daughter, Esther, married John Kimmel and lived near

this Court for probate and admitted



thereto the last Will and Testament of **John Kimmel**, deceased, the same clothed in words and figures following to wit:

*Know all men by these presents that I **John Kimmel** of the Township of Jackson in the County of Montgomery and State of Ohio, in the name of and through the mercy of my heavenly father and being now of sound mind and of disposing memory and having a desire to arrange all my earthly matters while time and opportunity is afforded to me, do make, declare and publish this my last Will and Testament in the following words, to-wit;*

Item First. It is my will that as soon after my death as may be convenient and proper that my Executor pay all my funeral expenses and just debts.

*Item Second. It is my will that my Executors shall all pay to **Albert Vaniman** the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, said **Albert Vaniman** being the son of my daughter **Mariah**, who was the wife of **Daniel Vaniman**, and having given to my said daughter **Mariah** land and other property in her lifetime, I do therefore give to her son **Albert** as aforesaid the above named sum of Five Hundred Dollars and no more.*

*Item Third. It is my will that after payment of the said sum of Five Hundred Dollars to the said and above named **Albert Vaniman** that the whole of my Estate shall be converted into money and after the payment of all expenses the balance remaining in the hands of my Executors shall be equally divided share and share alike between my sons **David**, **John** and **Jacob** and my daughter **Sarah** now the wife of **Daniel Flory**.*

*Item Fourth. It is my will and I do hereby and by these presents appoint my sons **John** and **Jacob** to be Executors of this my last will and Testament, giving them full power and authority to sell all my property, both Real and Personal, upon such terms of payment as they choose, giving*

them full power to make deeds or deeds for all my Real Estate by them sold and making the same good and binding in law as if done with my own hand.

Should my Executors think best to Rent the farm on which I now reside for a few years, they may do so if my other heirs are willing, and my said Executors shall not be required to give Bond for the discharge of their trust and no appraisal of my property shall be made, should my Executors with the consent of the other heirs conclude to Rent the farm.

*Then and in that case, the Five Hundred Dollars as herein willed to **Albert Vaniman** shall not be paid o him un il he fa m is sold o un il he e is money enough from other sources to pay said sum. It is my will that in dividing my Estate according to this my will, my Executors shall take in account advancements already to each and if any of the persons herein named as heirs shall be dissatisfied and make any attempt in law to set aside this will or make any changes therein, the one so doing shall be declared from Receiving any Gift or portion of my Estate.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 24th day of August, 1875.
/s/ John Kimmel [Seal]

Signed in the presence of Michael Wallace and John Shank, who witness the same at my request.

Afterwards, to-wit; on the 22nd day of September AD 1877, personally appeared in open Court, Michael Wallace and John Shank, the subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament of John Kimmel, deceased..."

Tim Kimmel's Kimmel Column

Here's an aid for Kimmels trying to find records on their ancestors but who have already searched available records using the standard forms of the Kimmel name. Some points to consider:

>There was a tendency for the English-speaking majority to coerce Germans to conform to the English language--even to

the point of Anglicizing the spelling of German names to variations of Kimble or Campbell in public records. Some Kimmels eventually did change to such spellings to fit in with the society at large.

>Germans often interchanged "C," "G" and "K" at the beginning of words. Names starting with these three letters were often grouped together in indexes.

>German church records would often refer to women and children with an "n" or "en" or "ing" added to their surname.

>In some handwriting, capital "R" and capital "K" are written exactly alike. Bad handwriting made it easy to confuse "H" with "K," and four- and five-humped double "m" spellings were common, making them appear as double "n" or "mn".

Here are some spellings I've come across where the individual referred to turned out to be a member of one of the Kimmel families:

Camel, Cammel, Campbell, Cemil, Cimbil, Cimel, Cimmble, Cimmel, Cimple, Gamble, Gimble, Gimbler, Gimmel, Hembel, Hemmel, Himell, Himmel, Kühmle, Kümle, Kümell, Kümme, Kümmele, Kaemmel, Kamile, Kamil, Keamel, Keehmle, Keemell, Keemle, Kemal, Kembel, Kemel, Kemle, Kimmel, Kimmell, Kimmels, Kemoll, Kendall, Kennel, Kiemle, Kiemle, Kiemmel, Kimal, Kimbal, Kimball, Kimbel, Kimbell, Kimbill, Kimble, Kimbol, Kimbro, Kikel, Kimele, Kimell, Kimer, Kimich, Kimizele, Kimill, Kimling, Kimmel, Kimme, Kimmel, Kimmle, Kimmelin, Kimmell, Kimmeln, Kimmels, Kimmer, Kimmil, Kimmle, Kimmling, Kindle, Kinell, Kimmel, Kimmell, Kinnel, Kinnill, Kuemle, Kuemmel, Kuemmel, Kumel, Kumle, Kumling, Kummal, Kummel, Kummell, Kunil, Kunnel, Kymmel, Rennel, Rimmel, Rummel, Vummel, and Zunling.

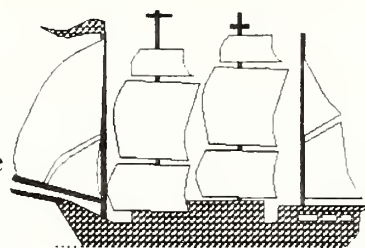
In future issues, I'll continue the list of Kimmel landmarks. But first, to finish up on Pennsylvania, where a new Kimmel landmark was recently created.

In April this year, Thomas Jefferson University renamed its cancer center and research institute the **Kimmel Cancer Center** of Jefferson Medical College and the **Kimmel Cancer Institute**.

The name changes were in response to a \$10 million donation by **Sidney Kimmel**, a Philadelphia area clothing manufacturer and philanthropist.

Also of note in Pennsylvania, **Kimmel's Shoes** near Erie, PA, is now 125 years old. According to *History of Erie Co., PA* (Reed 1925), **John Kimmel** established the shoe business in 1871.

--Tim Kimmel, Ft. Wayne, IN.



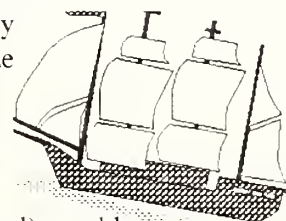
WHY HANS PETER KIMMEL DIDN'T GET TO BE THE FIRST KIMMEL IN AMERICA

--by Cleve C. Kimmel, Billings, MT

Most of us are descended from one of the Kimmels who arrived in this country in 1753. However, every now and then, someone brings up the subject of "When did the first Kimmel arrive in America?"

Joyce Kimmel of Bath, OH., claims that Susanna Kimmel in 1738 was the first.

Had all gone according to plan, the family of one Hans Peter Kimmel (Kümel) would have been even earlier.

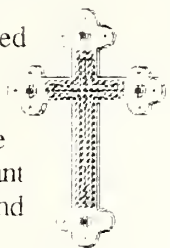


Walter Knittle's book (published in 1937) about the British Plan for Early Palatinate Emigration to America suggests that Hans Peter and his family arrived

here in 1709; however, my additional research shows they didn't actually make it as far as America.

Under the Palatinate Emigration plan, England sponsored many of the German Palatine emigrants, with the hope that they would serve as a barrier to the French and, in time, marry Indians and support the English cause in America.

The British only sponsored those who took the Protestant Oath, and they rejected all Catholics, whom they saw as a threat.



After William Penn convinced the American states that immigration should be more freely allowed, it opened the gates for many settlers.

Mainly the Mohawk Valley was made available and settled by these persons. Over 6,000 Germans came to America via Holland, early in 1709, with their passage paid for by the British.

Four lists were compiled by Rev. John Tribbeko and presented in the Knittle book. These records are also reported to be in the Public Record Office at London.

The Third Emigration Party, according to the Knittle report, embarked June 5 to June 10, 1709, and included "**Peter Kümel**, w & 6 children."

However, it became apparent that many Germans were actually professed Catholics and therefore undesirable for the British purposes.

The British rounded up 2257 Palatines and returned them to Germany before the end of 1709. These people are listed in the Public Record Office files.

In that list of returned Catholics is **Hans Peter**



The five daughters of Marlin and Irene McPherson of Oskaloosa, KS., held a **Sister Reunion** back in September in Camarillo, CA. Pictured are **Eileen Simmons**, Tulsa, OK; **Marlene Prigel**, Golden, CO; **Gaylene Croker**, Camarillo; **Jolene Murphy**, Colorado Springs, CO; and **Kathleen Fewins**, Lawrence, KS

Kimmel, w & 7 children, which would suggest that Hans Peter's family had been in America long enough for the birth of one child.

However, I find that a *second listing* was made to correct the Knittle report regarding Peter Kimmel. Seems that Peter was sent back from **England**, not America. Therefore he was **not** the first Kimmel to arrive in America.

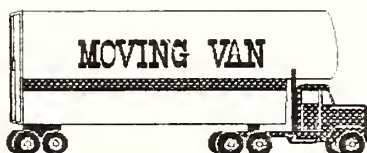
The Germans who were actually imported to America did very little inter-Indian-marrying, and by 1711, the English were disappointed in the project.

The Germans had wanted to settle in the Schoharie area, but resentment of them by the English and other settlers and the manner in which they could acquired land offended them, so they were forced to the Mohawk area and essentially driven out of New York and Pennsylvania.

When the French & Indian War broke out, the Palatines made overtures to the Indians, complained of the treatment by the English, and proposed an alliance for a joint defense *against* the English in 1756.

The Germans fled to Canada and remained there under

French protection until after the war; then they returned in 1758, along with other prisoners of war during an exchange.



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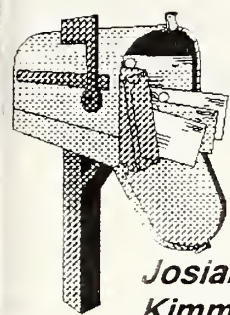
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**family
mailbox**

**Josiah
Kimmel
descendants:**

Irene McPherson wrote from Oskaloosa KS recently: "We enjoy the Kimmel letter. I have tried to identify the ones in the picture of our branch--**Ruby & Walter McPherson...**

"**Marlin & I** will be celebrating our 50th anniversary on May 26. (We weren't married until June 12, but our family is so scattered that they could only all come on that holiday week end.) They are hosting a reception that afternoon.

"Our children are **Eileen & David Simmons**, Tulsa, OK; **Marlene & Don Prigel**, Golden CO; **Kathleen Fewins** of Lawrence, KS.; **Jolene & John Murphy** of Colorado Springs, CO; and **Gaylene & Dan Croker** of Camerillo, CA. There are 11 grandchildren."

Out in Camarillo, CA., Irene and Marlin's daughters held a **Sister Reunion** last September, and we have a great picture of them.

**Henry Harrison
Kimmel
descendants:**

Henry David Kimmel of Seminole, OK., wrote March 21: "**Connie DiPasquale** did a good job researching **William and Anna Potthoff**, the orphans that my mother and father took into their home.

"I never knew **Anna**. My mother told me that she ran away, and they had not heard from her. **Bill** considered us

as family, and we were very close. His son, **Bob**, who was killed in the Viet Nam war, spent much of his childhood in our home. We were very fond of our brother **Bill** and his lovely wife, **Emma**.

"I am sending a check to be sure you continue my subscription... My son **David** reads the publication cover to cover.

"The pictures of assorted Kimmel descendants did not ring a bell except **Aunt Anna**, **Uncle Les** and his wife, the former **Nell Borst**. The picture of a speaker behind a podium looks like **Bill Kimmel**, son of **Ray Kimmel**. Keep up the good work."

Garland & Naomi Kimmel wrote from Henrietta, OK: "I learned a lot about **Bill & Anna [Potthoff Kimmel]** from the story in the last letter that



Bill, Emma and Bobby Kimmel at Topeka, KS., during World War II.

I had only wondered about.

"I am sending a copy of a picture of **Bill's** family from WWII, when **Bill** was stationed at Coffeyville.

"**Bill** was adopted when he was mustered into the Army at the beginning of WWI. Something to do with army regulations. He had taken the Kimmel name when he came

to Oskaloosa.

"When I was 10 my Sunday school teacher made a proposition to the class. A Bible to each member who could recite all the books of the Old



and New Testament. I was the first to get my Bible.

"In the front part was a picture of Jesus with the title 'Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock.' I was carving that picture in walnut when I really realized that there was no knob on the door. The significance of the picture had escaped me.

"The heart of each of us is that door and can only be opened from the inside. I have asked several people about that picture, and no one had seen it. Sometimes we see but don't comprehend the picture before us.

"Keep up the excellent letter. We all enjoy it."

Sharron Bower McGill wrote from Shoreline, WA., March 29: "...**Jennifer** really enjoyed seeing her picture of Grandpa in the newsletter. Taking pictures is her hobby. She has used up the 13 rolls of film she received at Christmas...

"Will you be doing anything special to help Grandpa celebrate his 87th birthday? I wish we could be there.

I'm sending Grandpa something I made recently. I'm learning to do calligraphy. I drew some sunflowers on a mat with a Bible verse done in calligraphy. I hope he likes it.

"Please take care and tell everyone 'hello' from Seattle."

Marie Kimmel Moffet wrote us a nice fat letter from Ozawie, KS., in April:

"...We are all fine out here. **Archie** turned 18 in March and will probably be on his way after school. He wants to have something to do with working on machinery. Not sure what exactly. He is able to keep anything going. He just got my car so it really goes now.

"**Matthew** is out for track. He wanted to try it out. He hates to run so I am not sure what event he wants to go out for.

"**Charles** will be in a play this year. He has one of the main characters. He will also have to sing a solo. It is almost something like Cinderella, but it is called 'Cinders.' He has to have all of his parts memorized. He is in the third grade.

Racheal & Andy are doing fine. They will be expect



ing their first child at the end of July or first part of August. We are really excited about being grandparents.

"I am still substituting mostly for Alternative Educational Setting, where students go when they don't know how to behave.

"**Charles** is still at Santa Fe so far. We still don't know what will happen in the future.

"**Earle & Maria West** (my twin sister): I called her the other day. They are all busy as usual. **Earle** is still at the hospital working...**Maria** works cleaning at a motel plus hauling her children around to all these functions they go to.

"**Jeff** does well in school. He does go to a regular school and has a sign language person to help him with his school lessons. **Doug** is in youth orchestra. He plays the bass cello. He is very good at it. I understand it keeps him very busy going to practice and having to practice..



"Bill & Mildred Kimmel (my folks): I just talked to them on the phone. It was their anniversary. They have been married for 48 years now. They are still in good health.

"They are still trying to sell their house. They want to get out here and start building their house here in Ozawkie. That will be quite a project!

"...Those pictures on the back of the newsletter have to be dated around the early seventies. I remember that reunion very well. I know that Maria & I were singing one of Grandpa's songs for the church service. I just don't remember the exact year.

"Beverly Muzzy would have the dates for those, and she is going to look them up for you and send you a letter later.

"The Kimmel Reunion will be June 7-8 1997. I am not sure what time it will start..."

Our spies in Jefferson County, by the way, tell us that Bill & Mildred Kimmel are getting ready to build a post and beam house on their lot in Ozawkie, KS. We hear they now have the floorplans and expect to do much of their work themselves.



Connie DiPasquale of Carbondale, KS, wrote a fat letter May 1: "First off, let me apologize for being so extremely tardy in writing to you and thanking you for the wonderful article you wrote on Uncle Bill and Grandma in your February newsletter....

"Unfortunately, I have been living the scenario of having all my pots boiling at the same time and have been having a hard time keeping up with them so that they don't boil over! HA!

Our 4th Annual Kansas Orphan Train Riders Reunion is this coming week end in Great Bend, KS., and I've been pretty busy trying to get ready for that.

"Also, I've had those 'minor' everyday disruptions like my daily job, housework when I get home, etc., etc. I'm sure you know what I mean!

"...After having a 'more trying than usual' day at work today, I arrived home to find the letter you sent me from Garland & Naomi.

"Thank you very much for forwarding that to me. He has finally answered that question I've had about Uncle Bill's adoption...

"I am pleased to know that Garland was able to learn more about Bill and Grandma from the information I provided you with. I hope it met with his favor and that others who read the story enjoyed it.

"I am very proud of my Grandma and Great Uncle Bill, for their achievements and the good lives they lived. And I'll always be eternally thankful that they were taken in by a good family who treated them well.

"Quite a few of the 'Orphan Train Children' were not as fortunate in their 'new' families...

"Take care and thanks again for the wonderful article you wrote. I have just about worn it out showing it to everyone I know!

"It will be going with me to the Orphan Train Reunion this week end, as I plan on telling



everyone about how we found each other through the Internet and all the wonderful information we have been able to share!"



Courtney Michelle Mason was born just before midnight May 11, 1996, to David & Gail Wahl Mason of Lawrenceville, GA.

She weighed in at 7 lbs 7 oz., measured 20" in length, and, according to proud grandma Virginia Bower Mason, she has "long fingers and long toes."

Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer descendants: From Terri Cochran Phifer of Wichita, KS, we have a March 8 letter:

"What a joy to receive the Kimmel Family News!

"In your February issue you asked who these people were and what year it was. Well--my grandfather, Ralph Whitmer is in the picture with the four people. The names were mixed up, however. Ralph Whitmer is the far left hand side, and Dave Hummer is the far right hand side. My grandfather has the white belt on.

"I have a similar picture to this one, and he identified everyone on the back of it. He also said it was the Kimmel Family Reunion in McLouth on July 22, 1979. The bottom picture has Les Kimmel on the front row...

"We are the fourth generation of funeral directors on my paternal side of the family. We own and operate an old family firm mortuary: Cochran Mortuary, 1411 North Broadway, Wichita, KS.

"My sister Karen Cochran Rathmel would like on your mailing list also. [See above.] I enclose a check for \$10 to pay for both of us.

"If anyone is interested, I have my grandfather's notes on the Kimmel and Whitmer families back to Frankfurt, Germany. By the way, we are the great-granddaughters of Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer. Our mother, Margaret Whitmer Cochran, died in 1990."

Evan Coughenour wrote early in April to tell us he has moved from Kansas City to Manhattan, KS. "Also enclosed is \$5 to renew my subscription for next year."

Marge Whitmer spent a week this May visiting Kimmel cousins in the McLouth, KS., area.

Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants: Pauline Hummer Duke of Big Cabin, OK., called in March.

She said her brother David Hummer is undergoing treatment for cancer. He has had two chemo treatments and lung surgery. His address, for those who might want to write, is Route 2 Box 482, Booker, TX., 83463.

other Kimmel cousins:

Lois M. Kimmel of Grand Junction, CO, wrote February 20: "I will enclose a check for \$5 for 1 year. The paper is very newsy--the one I received was interesting. How often do you publish it?

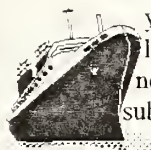
"There aren't many Kimmels here. My brother-in-law, Elwin Kimmel, also Morris & Donna Kimmell of Purdy Mesa... Also, I see an attorney in the office of Hambright-Kimmel.

"The Kimmel name will run out in this family as Elwins only have girls (no sons). My husband Leonard Lewis Kimmel had no living issue. He died Oct. 5, 1982.

"Thank you for all the work you all have done on the paper. I'm looking forward to it."

From Wilmington, DE., we have a March 8 letter from **Edward R. Kimmel**. "Thank you very much for forwarding me a copy of the November 1995 *Kimmel Family News*. I have perused it with great interest..."

"I don't believe I have ever sent you the \$5 membership fee so I am enclosing it with the hope that I will be on



your mailing list until you need another subscription.

"I think it is a fine thing you are doing--to let the cousins learn a little about one another and what they are doing, etc. There is nothing like family.

"Incidentally my brother, **Capt. Thomas K. Kimmel, USN (Ret)**, lives at Annapolis, MD. I know he would like to be on your mailing list. He is now 81 years old and is convalescing from a recent lung operation.

"For your information I am 74 years of age and am in good health although I am scheduled for a hip replacement operation in April.

"I assume you know that my brother and I are the surviving sons of **Admiral Husband E. Kimmel**. Our other brother, **Manning**, was killed in World War II when the submarine he commanded, *USS Robalo*, hit a mine in Balbac Strait north of Borneo.

"From time to time I have been in touch with **Franklin Buser** of Stroudsburg, PA. I look upon him as the genealogist of the Kimmel family. He certainly has made quite a study of the family.

"I note his inquiry as to the origin of the name 'Singleton'. He asked me the same question, but I had no answer for him. I know my father's father was named **Singleton Husband Kimmel**, but I don't know where the Singleton came from. Incidentally, I have a grandson named **Singleton Husband Kimmel**.

"Again, many thanks for the Kimmel news. I'm looking forward to receiving the next issue."

From Bedford, IN., we have a note from **Lloyd Kimmel**: "I received the *Kimmel Family News* in the mail this evening and cannot put it down....

"I found out about the family news in a very round about way. I wrote to PA Somerset County Historical. They sent me some information plus the address of **Perry Kimmell** (he had sent in an ancestor sheet, a considerable time before).

"Anyway, the researcher asked if I had been in contact with him. So--I called him and in the process of our chatting he gave me your address. I am enclosing a check for a subscription for myself, also one for my cousin, **Margaret Criger**...

"Years ago I subscribed to a similar paper that came from Denver, CO, but they no longer publish.

"My lineage is **Lloyd Kimmel** b.7/3/1937; **Clinton Jacob Kimmel** (b 12/4/1897 d 9/11/1962); **Elijah Martin Kimmel** (b 6/10/1853-5/4/1919); **Elijah Kimmel** (b 1 13-14, d 6/1880); **Phillip Kimmel** (b 1785 d 11/23/1867); **Phillip Kimmel** (b 3/23/1754 or 1756, d 1820); **Johann Phillip Kimmel** (b 11/16/1695, d



Clinton Jacob Kimmel (1897-1962) pictured in 1962 with wife Bessie Mae Wolfinger Kimmel (b. 1899, still living). Clinton was the s/o Elijah Martin Kimmel (1863-1919) s/o Elijah Kimmel (1816-1880).

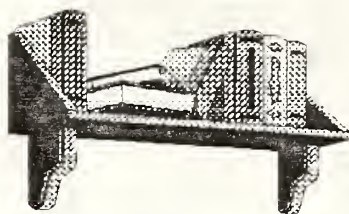
1777); **Johann Michael Kimmel** (b 1661, d 1734).

"I have a few questions I'm needing help with. Perhaps some of your readers can help. **Phillip** (s/o **Phillip**) b 1754 or 1756, married a **Drusilla Penrod**, possibly in PA, for they had a large family before moving to Muhlenburg County, KY, in 1800. Does anyone have any information on her or her family? Possible marriage year 1775.

"Another **Phillip** question. **Phillip** b 1785 married in 1807

KY to **Rebecca Beard**. Any info on her would be helpful.

"With all these **Phillips**, it really gets confusing... I sincerely appreciate your newsletter and look forward to reading more."



Steve Kapper wrote March 12 from Decatur, IL: "Please renew my subscription.... Thank you and **Tim Kimmel** for the ancestors of **Johann Michael Kimmel**.

"There is a book on **Barbara Miller Kimmel**, wife of **Adam Kimmel's** ancestors. The name is **Michael Muller/Miller of Cocalico Township, Lancaster Co., PA**.

"**Michael Miller** and his wife, **Maria Catherine Klop/Klopf**, were **Barbara's** parents. The book can be purchased at **The Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley**, 249 West Main Street, Ephrata, PA., 17522, for \$19.00."

We have a March 11 note from **Ronald & Maxine C. Kimmel** of Ronan, MT: "**Vic Kimmel** of Leesburg, FL, told us about your newsletter.

"Also about a family reunion to be held somewhere in Kansas. However, he didn't give us dates or location.... Please put us on your mailing list..."

"Could you let us know about the reunion? I was born in Kansas and have some relatives there. Nice to be included!"

We have a query from **Martha R. (Mrs. Donald) Zimmerman**: "Searching for parents of **Mary Ann** (possibly **Anna Maria**) **Kimmel**, b. c. 1770. She married **Christian (Christopher) Beam**.

"I have been told that the marriage was in 1790 in York Co. PA, but have no proof. They may have lived in Virginia for a time before moving to Guernsey County OH, where they both died.

"Her daughter **Elizabeth Beam** married my gg grandfather, **David Platt McConaughy**."

Michael M. Rohrer of Mililani, HI, wrote in April: "I had a chance to be in Washington, DC, about a month ago and was able to sneak over to the Library of Congress, where I located a copy of *Brethren*

from **Gimbsheim**. Thanks for making it known to me."

From Bedford, IN., we have an April 9 letter from **Louise Bell Kimmel**: "My husband is **Lloyd Clinton Kimmel**..."

"We both enjoy researching our family names and recently received the back issues you sent us. They are all packed full of great stories, pictures, and some real helpful information.

"Also you sent computer read-out sheets; the list of children for **Elijah & Perneta Cazee Kimmel** seemed correct, but the birth years were a little off. I too found LDS records in PA with the dates you had, but IN records and census records show a little difference: **Steven** b 1843, **Logan** b 1845, **Edward** b 1837, **Elijah Martin** b 1855--these are the ones that were not same as LDS Indiana and census records.

"I am sending pictures of my husband's mother, **Bessie Mae Wolfinger Kimmel**, with his late father, **Clinton Jacob Kimmel** (1897-1962). Also picture taken at family reunion last year (1995). It is the first time all children were able to attend.

"**Clinton Jacob Kimmel & Bessie Mae Wolfinger** were married Oct. 16, 1920, in Lawrence County, IN. They had 9 children: **John Arthur**, **Charles Edward**, **Jack Andrew**, **Robert William**, **James Frederick**, **Alice Marie**, **Ruth Genevieve**, **Lloyd Clinton**, **George Thomas**, all living except **John Arthur**. Many, many grandchildren and great; and a few great-great..."

"**Lloyd & I** have been working on the Kimmel line for a few years, but for the most part hit a lot of brick walls. But with the help of your newsletter and so many doing research, we feel we've hit a gold mine.

"We are really interested in contacting some of **Phillip Kimmel's** kin who lived in Indiana--Dubrios, Orange & Monroe Counties. His son **Elijah** had 10 children, so there's got to be a lot out there..."

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Eileen Vosburgh & Joyce Carter wrote us from Ohio: "We thought you would enjoy the picture we discovered of our dead grandparents' wedding taken in 1897. **George P. Kimmell** (1874-1954) and **Sarah B. Horner Kimmell** (1877-1960). "



a 1995 reunion of the Clinton Kimmel family: back row, Jack Andrew Kimmel, George Thomas Kimmel, Robert William Kimmel. 2d row, Lloyd Clinton Kimmel, Bessie Mae Wolfinger Kimmel, Charles Edward Kimmel, James Frederick Kimmel. Front row, Ruth Genevieve Kimmel Armstrong, Alice Marie Kimmel Kozik.

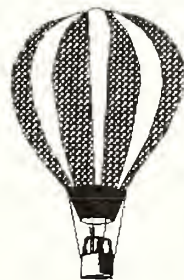
They give a lineage for George: **Johan Philip Kimmell** (1695-1777)-->**Philip Kimmell** (1724-1796)-->**Jacob Kimmell** (1757-1824)-->**Solomon Kimmell** (1786-1836)-->**Joseph Kimmell** (1813-1893)-->**John Henry Kimmell** (1848-1869)-->**George Penrod Kimmell** (1874-1954).

receiving all future copies of your newsletter from now on....

"Perhaps I will find a relative or two which I have no knowledge of. I am a descendant from **Adam, William F. & William B. Kimmell** (1) who resided mostly in NY, PA, IN, OH, CO and ID...

younger sister to work. Her two younger brothers were listed at the Hebrew Orphanage in New York City in the 1900 census. I do not know what happened to her parents."

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Ruby J. Kimmel Capito of Lake Havasu City, AZ, wrote us May 10: "I recently received the first *Kimmel Family News* from a cousin of mine. I didn't know there was any such paper around anywhere.

"Have been digging up Kimmel history (genealogy) for several years and have a lot of information on my ancestors, dating way back to Germany, Holland and France.

"Am very interested in

"Am very excited and anxious about your newsletter."

From **Nancy J. Cotton** of Edmond, OK., we have a note: "I saw your association mentioned in my **SHOW ME State Genealogical News**, and I am enclosing \$5 for a one-year subscription to your family newsletter.

"My grandmother was a Kimmel. She came to Illinois from New York City in 1895/96 along with a

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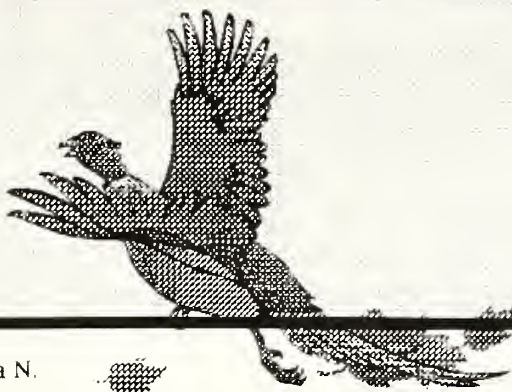
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TURNERS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Fifty years of marriage were celebrated by Winifred and Bob Turner on Sunday, September 8. A reception was held that afternoon beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church Social Hall in Tonganoxie, KS.

The celebration was hosted by their children, John & Karen Turner Pence of Manhattan, KS; Sandra Turner, Topeka, KS; and Bob Turner, also of Topeka.

Winifred Arlene Kimmel and Robert Lee Turner were married September 7, 1946, at the McLouth Brethren Church in a

ceremony performed by Rev. Ira N. H. Brammell.

Since 1948, the Turners have lived in Tonganoxie, where they raised three children. Robert retired from the Kansas Job Service in 1989, and Winifred retired from the Tonganoxie Public Library in 1995.

Winifred is a daughter of Claude David Kimmel and a granddaughter of Josiah Riegel Kimmel.

LA TIMES FEATURES DON KIMMEL GROUP

"Tea and S&P--The Club Approach to Buying Stocks" reads the headline of a feature by Kathy M. Kristof in the June 30, 1996, Sunday edition of the *Los Angeles Times*.

Contrasting the performance of mutual funds and professional managers with those of amateurs, the writer singles out five local investment clubs with a good record--and our own Don C. Kimmel was a founding member of one of the best of those. Apparently the *LA Times* was really impressed with Don's group--his photo (with two other fellow members) appears twice.

The North Orange County Investment Club, says writer Kristof, "manages a 15% to 20% return."

The group, which now meets monthly, was born September 4, 1986, "as the result of a lunch date between Don Kimmel, now owner of Santa Ana Chrysler-Plymouth, and the late Bert Hathaway, both of whom had been Chrysler Corp. field representatives.

The group expanded to 45 members as neighbors, church members and others joined; then a waiting list was started."

Kristof cites statistics about the group: Assets of \$214,600; minimum monthly investment \$20; major holdings that include AT&T, Colgate-Palmolive, PepsiCo, Motorola, Wal-Mart, Quaker Oats, GE, Home Depot, Downey Financial, 3M, Wendy's, K-Mart.

"One of the most amazing things about our club," Don Kimmel is quoted in the *Times*, "is we have never had an argument. Forty-plus people can sit in a meeting, decide what [stock] to buy, smile and go home."

A grandson of Josiah Riegel Kimmel (and a brother of Winifred Kimmel Turner), Don lives at Placentia, CA. His wife is the former Betty Deane Harrison.

After leaving Chrysler, Don was a director of Delta Savings Bank for seven years, until September, 1989, when he sold control and became active in brokerage investment and financial planning activities.

In July, 1989, he received the Certified Financial Planner Award from the International Board of Financial Planners.

Don's own summary concerning the investment group is brief and modest:

"Myself and Bert Hathaway, a co-worker of mine at Chrysler Corporation, decided to start an investment club and did so September 4, 1986.

"The club has done very well. Bert passed away a few years ago. George Matsuyama took his place. Bert's wife remarried and is now Mary Sue Robinson... I hope to see you in 1997."

As they appeared in the Los Angeles Times' Business Section in June: George Matsuyama, Don C. Kimmel and Mary Ann Robinson of the North Orange County Investment Club.



Winifred and Robert Turner of Tonganoxie, KS.



VIRGINIA MASON'S GALLERY FEATURED IN SOUTHERN LIVING MAGAZINE

You had to find just the right version of *Southern Living Magazine's* May issue, but there it was (in the issues printed for distribution in Alabama and Georgia), on Page 2GA.

A nice review of Virginia Bower Mason's shop in Stone Mountain, GA., touted her *Gallery of Southern Artistry* as one of the recommended places to visit for folks attending the Atlanta Olympics.

Virginia's gallery carries only hand-made, one-of-a-kind items--pottery, kaleidoscopes, jewelry, weavings, and wood carvings, and all of the artists whose work is featured are from southern states. "They mentioned several of my best artists," Virginia told us, "including Jack."

Virginia's husband, the late Jack L. Mason, was a potter, painter and sculptor whose work is well known in the Georgia area, and *Southern Artistry* still has some of his work for sale.

Virginia is a talented artist in her own right, noted mostly for her detailed lead pencil drawings and her watercolors, but a shoulder injury in a serious auto accident 15 years ago has greatly limited her artistic work. She does, however, greatly enjoy working with artists and artisans and selling their work. "I have the best job in the whole world," she has said. "I get to buy pretty

things."

Among the professional potters whose work she currently offers for sale is **Kyle Kimmel** of nearby Lawrenceville, GA. He came into the shop one day with his partner, **Jennifer Bauer**, she told us, to offer her their work, and she liked what she saw.

When she saw their business card she told them, "We have to be related some way." Virginia, the eldest daughter of Don Bower, is a great-granddaughter of Henry H. Kimmel. Kyle's family comes from Missouri. The Bauer/Bower connection, if there is one, is more difficult to trace.



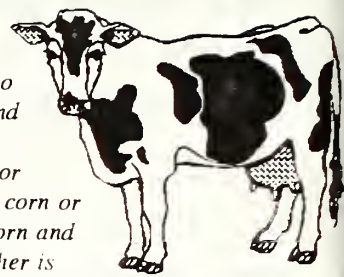
LOUIS H. KIMMEL'S NEW BARN WAS STATE OF THE ART IN 1911 SAYS OLD NEWSPAPER

THE FINEST BARN IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. That's what an old-time resident of the county, J. W. Shrader, former trustee of this township, said about Louis H. Kimmel's big barn. It certainly is a great barn and up to date in all respects, and should be when it cost, with the machinery and other equipment, close to \$4,500.00.

In size it is 60x96 feet and 76 feet from the floor of the basement to the top of the tower--the large tower in the center of the roof which looms up so far miles around being for the accommodation of the elevator gearing.

the barn and cleaned and then descends to the mill and is ground.

The chop or meal, or corn or oats, or corn and oats together is then taken by chutes to various parts of the barn to bins.



A 25-horsepower gasoline engine which stands on the cement floor of an engine room in one corner of the barn, drives the elevator and mill machinery, and also, by a long driving belt through the side of the barn, furnishes the power for the ensilage cutter near the silo north of the barn. This silo is of cement, 18 feet in diameter and 34 feet high, and holds 180 tons of ensilage.

West of the barn stands a 400-barrel, conical, cement water tank, in which the water does not freeze, and from which the reservoirs in the barn are kept filled with pure, clean water.

The barn, of course, has harness and implement rooms, telephone, and all other conveniences.

And a few rods north of the barn is Mr. Kimmel's latest addition to this highly improved half section farm--a two-story hoghouse, with 8 pens above and ten below. Several sows and their lively litters rest comfortably on their sawdust beds. Light is obtained from glass windows, grain bins are at hand, and water is supplied by hose and a pressure system. Sun porches will be added to this fine, modern swine residence, for the benefit of the red Durocs which occupy it.

Mr. Kimmel is bringing his plantation, which is the old C. F. Johnson farm, a mile east of Oskaloosa, up to the fore-front of the up-to-date, modern farms of Kansas.

Thanks to the Oskaloosa Independent (KS) for deciding to reprint this 85-year-old article in its "From the Past" series on June 9, 1996. The original article, it says, appeared 85 years ago, in 1911. We added some additional paragraph breaks to make it easier to read. Does anybody know if Louis Kimmel's "state of the art" barn is still in use? Any pictures?

Louis Kimmel, who was a grandson of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel, was born in Kansas in October, 1881. In the 1885 Kansas census, little "Lewis" is identified as being three years old and living with his parents, Henry H. and Lydia Bowman Kimmel, in Union Township, Jefferson County, KS.

Louis is listed in the McPherson College Alumni Directory as a member of the Class of 1903, along with his sister Mabel Kimmel and her future husband, David Earl Bower.

Virginia Bower Mason's Gallery of Southern Artistry during the 1996 Olympics. (Photo by Marilyn Griffin Bower)



The enclosed feeding sheds of the barn will hold 100 head of cattle, and there are 4 exits, one toward each compass point. There is stall room for 12 head of horses and mow room for 120 tons of hay, with two loading doors; and the grain bins will hold fifteen thousand bushels of corn.

At the main entrance are platform scales, and next to them is a dump into which the load is emptied by means of a hoisting device just in front of the scales.

The grain in the hopper-shaped dump runs into elevator lifts and is taken to the top of

On February 20, 1907, Louis married Margaret Eunice Edmonds. They had five biological children--Eunice, a lawyer (1908-1965); Garland, who currently lives in Henryetta OK; Doris (1912-1958); Henry David, who lives in Seminole, OK; Louis E., of Fox OK--and one foster son, William James Pothoff Kimmel (1898-1987), an Orphan Train adoptee.

Louis is mentioned in an article about his father in the historical publication *Kansas and Kansans*, pp. 2103-4 as "president of the Kaw Packing Company of Topeka, this state.."

But to dozens of youngsters, who knew him only after his retirement, "Uncle Louie" was simply "the box man." He made and gave away perhaps hundreds of simple wooden boxes. My long-cherished box from Uncle Louie has been passed on down to my grandchildren.

Louis H. Kimmel died in 1970, and his wife, Margaret, died in 1981.

OOPS! In the June 1996 issue, in the headline I called David Kimmel by the wrong name in the last issue--I wrongly referred to him as David Bower (the name of my great-grandfather on the Bower side) instead of David Kimmel (my great-grandfather on the Kimmel side). Twice.

Sorry about that. Comes from working on the Kimmel newsletter too soon after the Bower newsletter, not to mention sloppy proofreading. (There are some things Spell-Check just can't catch!--Jan Tompkins)

TIM KIMMEL'S KIMMEL COLUMN

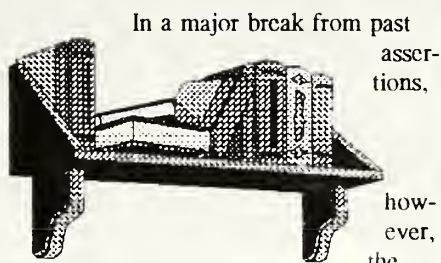
UPDATE ON THE ADMIRAL

References to attempts to have Rear Admiral Husband Kimmel's rank restored post-humously to the four-star rank he held while in service have appeared in past issues of the *Kimmel Family News*, but it hasn't been reported that his family has had some success in their efforts.

A year ago in April the family and supporters, including historians and other admirals, met with John Deutch, Deputy Secretary of Defense, in a hearing organized by Senator Strom Thurmond. An official response from the Pentagon was promised, and last December Under-Secretary of Defense Edwin Dorn delivered it.

Dorn's memorandum supported the military's long-held official view that Admiral Kimmel and General Short, the two military figures in charge at Pearl Harbor when it fell under a surprise attack from the Japanese in 1941,

were both responsible for Japan's success in the attack. This official view hasn't changed since the disaster happened.



Department did admit that the blame should be more broadly shared with others higher in rank who were at fault for having not provided sufficient information and material to the Hawaiian commanders to adequately determine their risk of attack or to protect themselves from it when it occurred.

Dorn rejected the possibility of restoration of rank for Admiral Kimmel and General Short. Articles on the memorandum ("Pentagon admits Pearl Harbor error") appeared in newspapers across the nation on January 4.

Some of the Admiral's supporters have accepted that this much admission is all they can reasonably expect from the Department of Defense. Others, including his sons, continue to demand satisfaction.

I believe anyone who wants to get involved can best become informed on the issue by reading the following two books (order them through your bookstore):

Days of Infamy by John Costello (1994, Pocket Books, NY \$14) gives an excellent overview of the events leading up to the disasters at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Clark Field in the Philippines, and how blunders and secret deals among our leaders and high-ranking officials were their cause.

Scapegoats: A Defense of Kimmel and Short at Pearl Harbor by Capt. Edward Beach (1995, Naval Institute Press, Annapolis MD), neatly compiles all the facts available on the issue of Pearl Harbor.

Here's another book: *Gestapo Chief: The 1948 Interrogation of Heinrich Müller* by Gregory Douglas (1995, R. James Publishing, San Jose CA \$35.95). Recommended only if you really want to be in on breaking research.

The author shares detail from U.S. Intelligence files on their interviews with the former Gestapo Chief for Germany's Third Reich about the details on key individuals and events of World War II.

The one chapter of interest to us presents the manuscript from Müller's files of the German-intercepted secret phone conversation of November 26, 1941, between Churchill and Roosevelt of the planned secretary attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan on December 8 (December 7 on Hawaii's side of the International Date Line) and Roosevelt's expressed decision not to prevent it. (Admiral Kimmel's son Edward

brought this book to my attention.)

The transcripts of both the April 27, 1996, meeting (22 pages) between the Kimmel brothers and Deputy Secretary of Defence Deutch with Senator Strom Thurmond and of the December 15, 1995, decision (47 pages) regarding the advancement of Rear Admiral Kimmel and Major General Short can be ordered through the Pentagon.

My librarian ordered the December 15 transcript for me. The one for April 27 can be downloaded through the internet at <http://cedar.evansville.edu/~philweb/index.html#kimmel>. I can provide a copy of the Kimmel sons' response to the December 15 decision.

KIMMEL LANDMARKS IN OHIO

You'll find a lot of streets and roads in the old Kimmel stomping grounds all around the state.

Youngstown has a **Kimmel Street** south of its Landsdowne Airport, and a **Kimmel Avenue** in the neighboring town of Campbell. South of town, in Greensburg, **Kimmel Drive** runs south off of Raber Road.

Kimmel Brook Center, a social service center, sits on Wright Drive in Youngstown, and **Kimmel's Saddle Shop** is a business on Mathews Road.

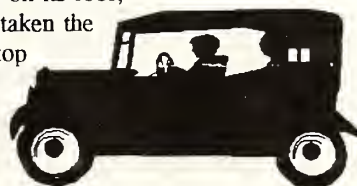
In the southwestern corner of Dayton is **Kimmel Lane**, and **Kimmel Road** runs westward out of Dayton's suburb of Englewood to south of Clayton, where it turns northwest through Clayton to Swanktown as **North Kimmel Road**.

Northeast of Dayton, along the Dayton-Springfield Road, is a housing addition with **Kimmel Street** in it. One business, **Kimmel Shoe Repair**, can be found on Town & Country Road.

More roads: **Kimmel Road** runs eastward out of Hamburg. Another **Kimmel Road** is a short street in Columbus. **Kimmel Street** is a four-block-long curving lane in Cleveland just north of Newburgh Heights.

Kimmel Cleaners is a family business with two establishments, one in Mount Gilead and another in Upper Sandusky.

If you drive north on State Road 127 out of Celina, you'll see a barn with "KIMMEL" displayed on its roof; I haven't taken the time to stop there and see just who owns it.



(Westward to Kimmel Landmarks in Indiana next issue!--Tim)

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MORE ABOUT THE OTHER ORPHAN TRAIN RIDER KIMMEL CONNECTION

by Keith Q. Hayes, Shawnee, KS

My cousin by marriage, Anne [Kruse] Hayes, furnished me the June 1996 copy of the *Kimmel Family News*. Anne's mother and my mother are Kimmel family descendants, but from different branches of the family.

In [Another Kimmel Orphan Train Connection Uncovered], **Connie DiPasquale** reports that she found another orphan train kid who was taken in by a member of the Kimmel family. She states that the person who took the orphan train child was **Jacob Kimmel** of Sabetha, KS.

I believe that this person may be identified by referring to a **Genealogical Memoranda, Kimmels, A.D. 1626- A.D. 1930**, compiled and arranged by **C. W. Kimmel**, Hiawatha, KS.

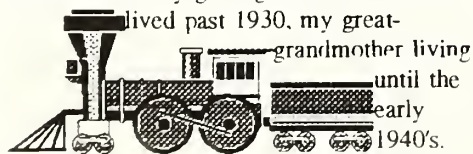
This genealogical memoranda shows that **Michael Kimmel** (1736-1818) had five children, one of whom was **Joseph Kimmel** (1769-1845). **Joseph Kimmel** married **Hannah Welde**, and they had ten children, one of whom was **Jacob A. Kimmel**, (1/12/1816 -9/19/1901).

Jacob A. Kimmel was married to an **Eliza Brumbaugh**, and they had 17 children, one of whom was **Jacob Orlando Kimmel**, who married **Sarah E. Bishop** on October 26, 1878. They had six children, two of whom were born in Hartville, OH., one of whom was my grandmother, **Verna Kimmel**. She married **Jacob E. Bowser** on July 4, 1897.

Jacob Orlando & Sarah E. Kimmel had four other children after they moved to Sabetha, KS. These children were born December 4, 1885, May 18, 1890, July 18, 1893, and a son, **Jacob Kimmel**, born January 22, 1897, in Sabetha, KS.

I do not know my history well enough to know exactly when the Orphan Trains came west, but the placement in question reportedly took place in 1909. Therefore, I believe that **Jacob Orlando & Sarah E. Kimmel** might be the ones who took in **Graham Hunter**.

I knew my great-grandmother, although I did not know my great-grandfather. Both lived past 1930, my great-grandmother living until the early 1940's.



This placement took place approximately 12 years after their last child was born; i.e., after January 22, 1897, and they lived in Sabetha, KS., at that time. Their youngest child could not have been involved, as he was not born until 1/22/1897. However, he would have been only 5 years older than young **Graham Hunter** at the time of the



Photographed at the Pre-Historic Journey Exhibit, Denver Museum of Natural History, these three Coloradans discovered their Kimmel kinship: **Kristine Haglund**, archivist; **Eleanor Kimmell Roubique**, volunteer archival assistant; and **Brian Small**, paleontologist.

placement.

If my maternal great-grandfather and great-grandmother were the ones who took in **Graham Hunter** in 1909, this creates an interesting irony, as my paternal grandmother's name was **Jennie Pearl Hunter** until she married my paternal grandfather, **Edward A. Hayes**.

A COLORADO KIMMEL COUSIN COINCIDENCE

by **Eleanor Kimmell Roubique**, Arvada, CO.
When I retired from teaching in the Denver Public Schools, I took on a new career, that of Archival Assistant in the Denver Museum of Natural History. My department head, **Kristine Haglund**, told me that her mother was **Bernice Lucille Kimmel**.

So we compared notes and found out that our ancestors were **Jacob Kimmel** of Cocalico Creek, Ephrata, PA., and **Philip Kimmel** of York County.

(The story of the missing *M* in the April 1995 newsletter was interesting to **Kristine Haglund** and her mother, **Bernice Kimmel Haglund**, since Bernice always thought it was her paternal grandfather who removed the *M*.)

Recently we discovered another Kimmel connection at the Museum. Kris and I were together in the lunchroom, and my husband, Charles, told **Brian Small**, a preparator of paleontology, "There are the Kimmell cousins," referring to Kris and me. Brian told my husband that his grandmother was a Kimmel.

Naturally, we had to see his family chart and, wonder of wonders, Kris and Brian found out that they were both descended from Philip.

The registrar of my Denver Chapter, NSDAR and a professional genealogist, said

that finding three persons of the same ancestor working in the same place is extremely unusual. We think it's terrific.

**FRANK
BUSER,**

**KIMMEL
GENEALOGIST.**

1919-1996

Franklin Britton Buser, a dedicated Kimmel genealogist and retired college teacher, died this summer.

Frank was born December 15, 1919, to Frank Jacob and Emma Britton Buser, in Spearsville, Brown County, IN.

When Frank was about four years old, the family moved to Cambridge City, IN. "Frank collected toads, frogs and turtles and studied their lives...." his wife Margaret wrote. "He was a Boy Scout. He raised moths and butterflies through their life cycles and watched them fly away again. He had his own wildflower garden, skipped two semesters of school and played the french horn in the high school, college and army bands."

He attended Central Normal School and graduated with honors in 1940, then spent four years in the military "and came back with a thirst for more learning." There followed a Master's from Ball State University and additional graduate work at the University of Michigan, Indiana University and the University of Illinois.

Frank married Margaret Pithoud in 1946.



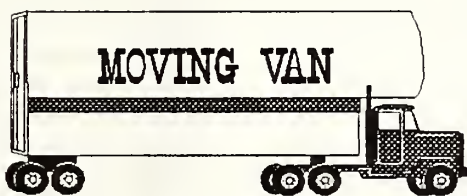
They had three children--Charlene, Jane Ellen and Jon Franklin--followed by five grandchildren.

From 1955 until his retirement in 1985, Frank Buser taught at East Stroudsburg State Teachers College in PA, where "He studied the plant life, spiders and insects of the area," and he established the Buser Herbarium.

After his retirement in 1985, one of Frank's projects was the plant survey for the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. He was also a volunteer at the park and received several awards for his volunteer work.

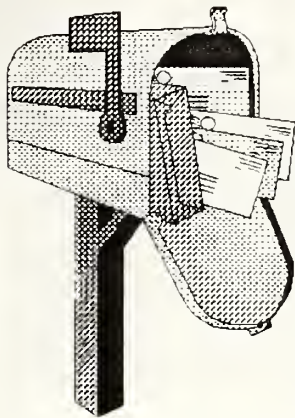
And he became interested in genealogy. One of his grandmothers was Rebecca Kimmel Buser, wife of Jacob Neiman Buser, and she apparently inspired his interest in researching Kimmels.

"He enjoyed many trips and the reading to prepare for each trip," Margaret says. And on his trips, he often contacted local folks named Kimmel and introduced himself. "Numerous genealogies," says his wife, were deposited with the LDS Library in Salt Lake City.



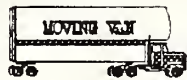
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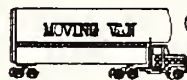
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Henry H. Kimmel descendants:



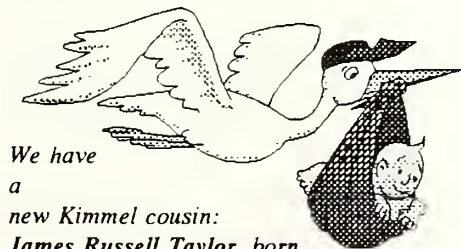
Our spies in Kansas tell us that **Bill & Mildred Kimmel** have officially moved to Ozawkie, KS., from White Pine, TN. "[They] have got all moved back to Kansas, and the two other drivers have returned to Tennessee. **Marie's** brother and family were also here...."

Our spies also tell us that when *Caterpillar* sent engineer **Jack R. Mason** ("Randy" to us old folks) off to Alaska's goldfields, this time he took along a coat. Last time they sent him to Alaska, he went direct from California, where he was (naturally) coatless. Jack and his family live in Plainfield, IL.



Jay & Ronda MowBray (Ronda is the granddaughter of **Anna Kimmel Sanders**) recently moved to Kansas City, MO., after five and a half years in Wichita, KS.

Ronda is a clinical social worker with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and **Jay** is a private-practice criminal defense attorney.



We have a new Kimmel cousin: **James Russell Taylor**, born this week to **Andy & Racheal Moffet Taylor** of Ozawkie, KS. First-time grandparents are **Charles & Marie Kimmel Moffet**. Great-grandparents: **Bill & Mildred Kimmel**.

A service of consecration for little **James Russell Taylor** was held at the Topeka Church of the Brethren on September 1 during the Sunday church service. Included were a parents' pledge, congregational blessing, consecration, "Lighting the Candle of New Life," and pastoral prayer.

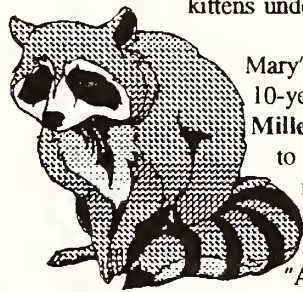
Scripture was from Mark 10:13-16. Grandma **Marie Moffet** played and sang three stanzas of "Jesus Loves Me" for her first grandchild as part of the service. "I sang it to all four of my children," Marie said, "and I've already sung it to my grandson." Little **James** was asleep on this occasion, reported a member of the congregation, "but the congregation thought it was lovely."

John Bower wrote June 6 from McLouth, KS: "From being extra dry, it has gone to extra wet. Dad used to say that one extreme follows another. We have had 10 or 12 inches since the last letter, which is a third of a year's normal supply. Of course May and June are normally the wettest months here.

"Corn is up and doing well, but most soybeans are not planted. Any time in June is OK for them, but the last half of May is best. Jim does a good job of farming, but nobody can outguess the weather. He started planting my beans yesterday, but last night it rained over two inches, so the rest are delayed again.

"We had violent weather all around, with hail and heavy rain. I heard more than 4 inches at Lawrence, 20 miles away, and the threat of tornadoes near Kansas City. We don't get our paper until afternoon, so I don't know about that yet."

John & Mary were surprised recently to find that they weren't just feeding kittens under their house.



Mary's granddaughter, 10-year-old **Amanda Miller**, was startled to find a good-sized raccoon indulging itself as well. "Actually, **Amanda** was pretty startled, and a little frightened, when she saw it while looking for the kittens.

"Last night, with electricity (and TV) off for 5 hours, and lots of thunder and lightning all around--we dug out a battery radio, and they said our whole area was under a 'tornado watch' until 2 a.m.--I was checking the weather about 1 a.m. and saw a big coon come up on the back porch and go down the ramp. Mary doesn't mind having it eat the cat food so much, but when it leaves its 'calling card' to be cleaned up, she hits the rafters...."

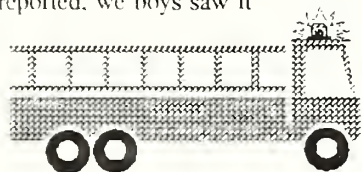
"Mary is helping with Bible school at the church this week. She is 'cookie lady,' with help, of course. It is real joy to share the enthusiasm of little children. Our young people do most of the teaching. Today the weather forced more of the activities inside.

"Our church has recently donated our old record minute books to the State Historical Society, where they will be preserved. I have had them for more than ten years, while I wrote the church history.

"When the old house burned, it reminded me they were in danger here. The historical society will microfilm them, and we will get a copy of the microfilm. This will give us permanent records.

"I have some of the books of the former Brethren Church here, but nobody knows what became of the old ones. I have thought of writing that history, but have not got up enough nerve to start.

"The whole community has mourned the loss of the Bower house. Dad built it in 1919 and 1920. As Jan reported, we boys saw it



built, though we were too young to be of

much help. It was my home until I married Agnes in 1936. Now it is gone, victim of faulty electric wiring. But I have lived on my present farm more than 50 years, so I can be philosophical about it. This is home now.

"I was concerned about having water for lawn and garden this summer, but the pond is full now, and that problem is solved. The lagoon was quite low, but is now back to normal.

Fortunately I have a good lawn mower. Chris helps with mowing, when he is home on week ends. He is working for a spraying contractor, spraying roadsides about a hundred miles away, and is gone all week.

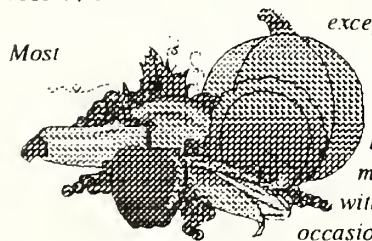
We have been praying this week for one of Mary's granddaughters, who has been quit ill with toxic shock, following some laser surgery. Two days ago they had about given up hope, but she has rallied, and we are in hopes she will recover fully in time. She has a son about 14 and a daughter about 4.

"Some very nice grandchildren were in the deal when I married Mary...."

Donald Kimmel Bower of Wichita wrote June 15: "Summer is really here now. One day in late May reached 100 degrees, a date record; but that was an

exception.

Most



days have been moderate with occasional

showers and good growing weather for my potatoes, sweet potatoes and tomatoes.

"There have been quite a few violent thunderstorms and a few tornadoes around the state, but we have been spared locally.

"My strawberries were small this year; more like wild ones. No doubt it was due to the extra dry fall and winter. Harvest is now

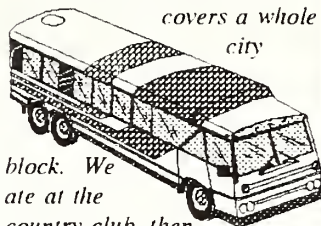
underway locally. Some wheat recovered with the May showers, but about one third of a normal crop is expected.

Since Mother's Day, I now have nine great-grandchildren.

Virginia called me Mother's Day to tell me Courtney Michelle Mason arrived a half hour before Mother's Day. I attended her parents' wedding last year.

"Keen Agers, our church-sponsored Seniors group, recently made a day-long bus trip to Burlington, KS., to see their local attractions.

"The first stop was a visit to a puppet factory that covers a whole city



block. We ate at the country club, then toured all around the nuclear powered electric generating plant, but did not get inside the concrete buildings. It may be just a coincidence, but a day or two after our tour, the plant had to be shut down for repairs for several days...."

"Lately I have been packing some items to take to the Bower family reunion at McPherson. That's all for now."

Virginia Bower Mason, Don's daughter, played hostess for nearly two weeks to nephew Glenn David Bower and his folks, Marilyn Griffin Bower and Bob Bower, during the Atlanta Olympics.

Marilyn says they had a great time, taking in track and field and equestrian events. They were at Olympic Park, she said, the day before the bombing.

Some of their adventures on the trip stemmed from the fact that they drove down to Georgia in the car Glenn used as a Wichita security patrolman. Apparently the vehicle looked enough like the Highway Patrol to cause consternation to more than one speeder on the Interstate.

More adventure: "Glenn went out to get pizza one evening," Marilyn said, "and we wondered why he took so long."

Seems there was a robbery in progress across the street from the pizza place, and Glenn helped give chase when the thief ran down an alley. When the clerk shouted something about "He's got a gun!" Glenn (who didn't) limited his help to recovering some of the loot and reporting details to the police.



Don Bower's newest great-grandchild, Courtney Mason, in the arms of her proud papa, David Mason.



Our spies tell us that Kerry Bower Chapman and husband Tom, who live at Lawrence, KS., spent part of the summer taking part in a special mountain biking event in the Colorado Rockies.

Tom and Kerry are avid cyclists.

The Mike Tompkins family out in Columbia, MO., also likes biking and hiking. But 11-year-old Cassandra Tompkins apparently thinks it can be overdone. She turned down a 30-mile bike trip with her folks to Rocheport, MO., this week end: "If you're only going 20 miles, I'll go."

Her grandparents, Jan & Ken, think that "only 20 miles" in reference to a bike ride is hilarious. "I feel really proud of myself for occasionally managing five miles on a stationary exercise bike," says Jan.

Sharron Bower McGill, who lives at Shoreline, WA., tells us her family had a welcome surprise visitor a few weeks ago. Wendy Barnett, (Sharron's niece from Phoenix, AZ) came up for a week's visit before the start of school.

Josiah Riegel Kimmel descendants:

From John & Mary Bower a July 20 note "Judy's husband, Dave [Miller], had a heart attack while he was going through Charlotte, NC, with his truck. (He had gone to the hospital at Lawrence when he was here a week or so ago with chest pains, but they decided it was just indigestion.)

"He felt so bad he left his empty trailer at a

truck stop and drove the tractor to a hospital.

"They called **Judy** about 5 p.m., and we had her at the airport before 7. I drove the 41 miles in about 45 minutes. **Sam** went on the plane with her, and we are keeping **Amanda**.

"They said one artery was 95% closed. They gave him the tube treatment, and he seems to be getting along all right. They are looking at coming home Monday of Tuesday. He will probably have to lay off work for a couple of months."

Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants:

A July 1 letter from **Martha Hall** of Booker, TX: "I look forward to the Kimmel newsletter and read every word. Enclosed is \$10 to extend subscriptions for me and my daughter... **Shannon Hindman**, Ft. Worth, TX.

"My grandmother was **Martha Kimmel Hummer**, and my father was **Dave Hummer**."

other Kimmel cousins:

Eleanor Kimmell Roubique, who lives in Arvada, CO., wrote June 12: "While on a recent trip to Washington, DC, my family and I stopped at Ephrata, PA, to visit the Cloisters and were told that we should visit the **Kimmell House**, a bed and breakfast establishment.

"We were given a copy of your newsletter and noticed that you have listed places named Kimmel. I include a photo taken of me several years ago in Osceola, NE, on **Kimmel Street**.

"The town of Osceola, NE., was founded by my grandfather, **W. F. Kimmel**, who, in the company of **Albinus Nance** and **John Mickey**, platted the town.

"**William F. Kimmel**, who was born in Canton, OH., son of **Adam & Elizabeth Bowers Kimmel**, grew up in Albion, Noble County, IN. All of the family spelled the name with two L's, as did William F., until his army papers from the Civil War removed one L.

"The story circulated in our family is that he had to keep it that way in order to collect his pension. Three of his sons retained the spelling with two L's, and one kept it with one.

"In 1880, **William F. Kimmel** and



his wife, **Leah Crispell**, and three of their sons migrated to Pitkin, Gunnison County, CO., where he became a pioneer merchant and leading citizen of the community.



Eleanor Kimmell Roubique stands by the Kimmel Street marker in Osceola, NE., a town founded by Sen. William F. Kimmell, her grandfather.

"According to the Geological Survey Maps of the county, a gulch or gully near the town of Pitkin bears the name **Kimmel Gulch**. It is interesting to note that this gulch enters the Quartz Creek Valley at the precise spot where my grandparents had their home.

"**Leah Crispell Kimmell** died six weeks after my father (**Anthony Crispell Kimmell**) was born in 1887. **W. F.** and two of his sons returned to Albion, IN., with the infant.

"**Anthony** was raised by his aunt and uncle. He attended Purdue University and became a surveyor with the General Land Office (now known as the Bureau of Land Management). He passed away in 1942 and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver.

"He married **Luella B. Prickett**, also of Albion, and they had four children, two of whom survived to adulthood: **Arnold C. Kimmell** of Denver, and **Eleanor Kimmell Roubique** of Arvada, CO....

"**Perry Kimmell** had corresponded with my mother before her death, and it was from his records that we found much information regarding our family from Albion, IN. **Orlando Kimmell**, the founder of the town of **Kimmell**, IN, was my grandfather **Adam Kimmel's** nephew...."

Gayle Putt of Cincinnati, OH., wrote June 29 to send us information about two new Kimmel cousins: "Ferdinando 'Nando' Iannarelli I discovered on America On Line. He had very little on the Kimmels other than his own line so I sent him some 50 pages of printouts! I think he was overwhelmed...."

"**Mary Frances** is a closer cousin to me than **Nando**. Both of us descend from **Jacob & Catherine Kimmel Schwartz**. Since we are also a couple of **George & Juliana Ruby Kimmel** descendants, she sent me several generations of information on the Rubys. I'd be happy to share it with any other **Kimmel/Ruby** descendants out there who might need it.

"I have another little mystery that maybe someone can answer. In [his] will, **George** mentions his daughter, **Mary Martha Ankeny**. Her husband was **John Ankeny**, and this family

migrated west into Illinois with **Peter Kimmel** and his son **Singleton**, **Catherine Kimmel Schwartz** and her children, and **Susannah Kimmel Will**. I'm not certain which others may also have gone.

"Anyway, we all know that many of the Kimmels moved through Ohio, some stuck of course, and were in the Dayton, OH., area. Not far from Dayton is the college town of Yellow Springs. On Father's Day, my husband took our family for a nice drive up that way and, while passing through Yellow Springs, I caught a glimpse of a street sign. The name of the street was _____ Ankeney Road. I missed the first part, my eyes focussing on the Ankeney part! I believe it began with "m" something....

"What I was curious about was if this road may have been named for some of the same Ankeny family that may have moved into that area of Ohio with the Kimmels. I know this bunch of Kimmels, including **John Ankeny**, moved on into Illinois, for they all appear on records and his histories of Jackson Co., IL... Any ideas?

"It might be fun to publish the E-mail addresses of any subscriber who uses the internet. Mine is **Gayle_Putt@aol.com** or **WDF60F@prodigy.com**."

G. Franklin Kimmel of Kennett Square, PA., wrote in July to tell us his new address and ask a good question about his subscription: "How can we know when it has run out?"

We don't send a bill, Franklin; we more or less rely on our readers to keep track if they've sent in their subscription check in the past 12 months, and periodically we do purge our mailing list.—Ed.

From **Ferdinando Iannarelli** of Quakertown, PA, a July 2 note: "As a Kimmel descendant and researcher, I would like to subscribe to your publication..."

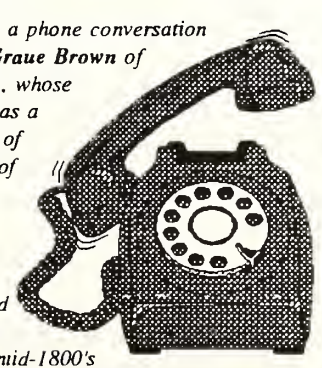
We have a note from James K. & Elizabeth Elliott Kimmel of Arlington, VA: "Please enroll us for the Kimmel Family News letter... I learned of your publication via America Online..."

Frances Kimmel of Dayton, OH., sent a note with her subscription renewal July 15: "...**William Kimmel** of Ohio later Indiana, passed away November 11, 1995. **David & Betty Rutrough** had their 50th anniversary July 14, 1996." Enclosed was a subscription check from **Vera Viola Lahman**, identified as "descendant of **Peter Kimmel**, Eldorado, OH."

July 25 we had a phone conversation with **Mildred Graue Brown** of Columbia, MO., whose grandmother was a **Küemmel**—one of five daughters of **Carl W. H. Küemmel**, a stonecutter.

The parents had emigrated from Prussia in the mid-1800's and settled at Kaplan, MO., in St. Charles County, where he helped to build the Kaplan Church (still standing). "They were very poor," **Mildred** said, "and the daughters worked in St. Louis as maids..."

Perry Kimmel of Aurora, IL., sent us a couple of clippings this summer relating to his own family's ties to the University of Akron.





One from an unidentified publication includes a photograph of **Brett, Sharon & Dennis Kimmell** outside UA's College of Business Administration. "Ties to UA part of Kimmell family tree," says the headline.

"Following World War II," writes Linda Caldwell, [when]

"Perry Kimmell accepted a job at the University of Akron to teach accounting principles to veterans, little did he know he was starting a family career trend."

Perry's son and daughter-in-law, **Brett & Sharon Kimmell** both teach at UA's Davenport School of Accountancy.

In fact, in May of this year, **Dr. Sharon Kimmell** was selected as the 1996-97 KPMG Pear Marwick Faculty Fellowship recipient. "The three-year fellowship is used to assist the recipients' professional and research activities..." says the Akron Beacon Journal in its May 19, 1996 edition, noting that "Kimmell is an associate professor accounting...." She has been on the

UA faculty for 13 years.

Dennis Kimmell, according to Linda Caldwell's article, is a professor who joined the UA faculty 20 years ago.

This year saw a third generation entering the accounting profession via UA--**Dennis's son, Brett Kimmell**, who received his accounting degree on May 11, 1996. Brett planned to continue working for Bank One during the summer and then join the staff of Ernst & Young in Canton, OH.

"The Kimmell family's newest accountant says he never really considered following in his family footsteps while he was growing up," writes Caldwell. "In fact, when Brett enrolled at UA he had aspirations of becoming an engineer...." He admits to avoiding classes taught by his father and stepmother, however. "I know they wouldn't have shown me any leniency...."

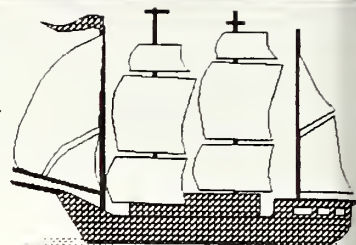
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9/9/1751.



Jacob.

Johann Phillipi, Adam, & Valtin Kimmell
Vol 1 p 457: ship **St Andrew** docked
9/14/1751.

Georg Kimmel. Vol 1 p 468: ship
Neptune docked 9/24/1751.

Michell Kümell. Vol 1 p 479: ship
Edinburg docked 9/19/1752.

Johanne Kemmell, age 20. Vol 1 p 609:
ship **Richard & Mary** docked 9/29/1754.

Johann Nicolaus Kimel. Vol 1 p 611:
ship **Brothers** docked 9/30/1754.

Joh. Jacob Kümell. Vol 1 p 722: ship
Crawford docked 9/26/1768.

Kümell & wife. Vol 2 p 197: ship
Frederick Augusta docked 7/15/1807.

KIMMELL HOUSE TO BE AUCTIONED OCTOBER 12

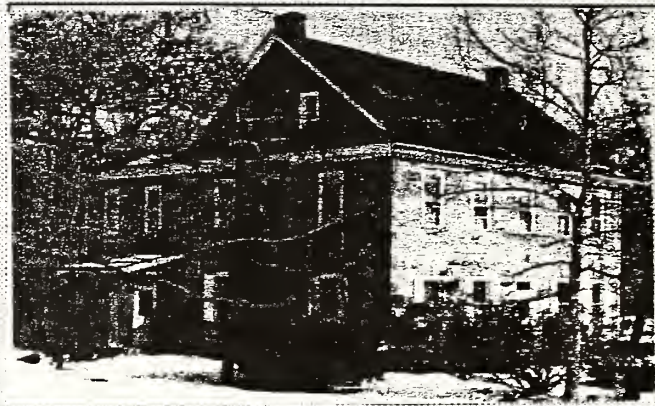
With regret I must tell you The Kimmell House will be sold at auction on October 12, 1996.

Built in 1795 and opened as a B&B in 1988, it has served Kimmell descendants (as well as many others) quite often over these years.

The death of my husband this past November has caused me to make this painful decision.

If you will, I'd appreciate the inclusion of this information in the News so your readers will know what happened.

--Maggie J. Althouse
Kimmell House Bed & Breakfast
851 South State Street
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Kimmell House, built in 1795 by Jacob and Esther Kimmell, householders of the historic Ephrata Cloister, located in Ephrata, Lancaster County, PA.

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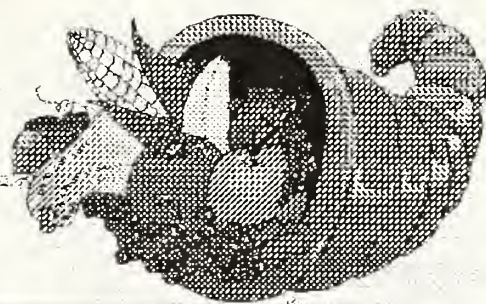
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Kimmel family news

a chronicle of Kimmel cousins

November 1996

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Ray and Marvin Troutt stand beside the old conical water reservoir for Louis H. Kimmel's 1911 "state of the art" stock barn near Oskaloosa, KS.

TROUTT BROTHERS VISIT OLD KIMMEL BARN SITE

Several Kimmel descendants were inspired by an article in our September 1996 issue to do a little exploring in northeast Kansas recently.

"We enjoyed the article in the Kimmel letter concerning the Louis H. Kimmel barn," Ray Troutt told us.

"My brother, Marvin Troutt, and I, and our wives, Marilyn and Evelyn, were curious about the condition of the barn, so we took a little drive up to Oskaloosa to see for ourselves."

The big barn, built in 1911, was recently featured in a reprinted 85-year-old newspaper article by the *Oskaloosa Independent*.

It "measured 60 x 96 feet in size and was 76 feet from the floor of the basement to the top of the tower."

The barn was built to hold 100 head of cattle, and 12 head of horses, and had room for 120 tons of hay and 15,000 bushels of corn.

Almost all of what was once "the finest barn in Jefferson County" is now gone, Ray tells us.

"We met some very nice people there; some were, in fact, kin to some Kimmels.

"They helped us locate the site of the barn--one mile east of Oskaloosa." We were happy to find the foundation of the barn

and the conical water tank, which is still standing, in very good condition."

Ray sent along a picture of himself and his brother standing in front of the old water tank.

"Our conclusion was: that was, indeed, quite a barn," Ray Troutt told us, "and gave us some insight into our Kimmel heritage."

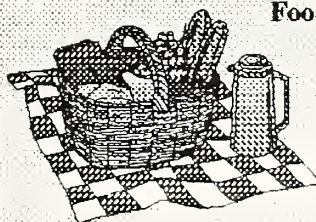
Ray and Marvin Troutt are great-grandsons of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel.

Their grandparents were Martha Ann Kimmel and Clement Sylvanus Hummer, and their parents were Emma June Hummer Troutt and Vennie Coy Troutt.

Ray and Evelyn Troutt live in Helena,

THE KIMMELS' OLD FASHIONED REUNION

When: June 7 & 8, 1997
Where: McLouth, Ks, in the McLouth school building
Why: To celebrate the life and times of the Kimmel family!



Food: HyVee from Lawrence will provide everything!

It will remind you of old fashioned picnics!

Saturday evening meal - about \$5.50

Sunday noon - about \$8.00

There will be donuts and juice in the mornings. Any other meals will be on your own.

What to wear: Be comfortable. You can even wear jeans and overalls both days!

What to bring: Arts & crafts, quilts, anything you've made. Any hobby you'd like to share. The oldest memorabilia item that belongs to the Kimmel line. Kids are to bring items to show that are special to them (old or new).

Like to have: Several skits for Saturday evening program--please, anybody, let me know.
Questions? More later! Call Marie Moffet, 913-876-2685. Please come!!

OK, and have three sons. Marvin and Marilyn Troutt live at Topeka, KS, and

the Stone's Trace Historical Society has partially restored the nearby Cyrus Kimmell house, where it holds its monthly meetings.

there. Formerly named Sparta, it was renamed in the 1870's in honor of **Orlando Kimmell**, who was influential in getting the railroad built through the town, thus bringing prosperity to the area.

The **Orlando Kimmell** home is along US 33 south of Kimmell, just north of Wolf Lake.

The Stone's Trace Historical Area just north of Kimmell includes the **Kimmell House**, once owned by Orlando's brother **Cyrus Kimmell**.

The phone lists for Kimmell give **Kimmel Bulldozing Service**, **Kimmell Hatchery & Hardware**, and **Kimmell Inn**. There was once a **Kimmell School**, which has been inactive since 1971.

Kimmell Fire Department is west of town in Cromwell.

Adam J. Kimmell and **Joseph Kimmell** owned portions of downtown Albion, which were sold in lots in the 1850's and 1860's. Many homeowners in the area will find they are in **Kimmell's Addition** and **Kimmell's Subdivision**.

On Little Long Lake, just north of Kendallville, is **Kimmel's Shores Road**.

Elsewhere in the state, you'll find **Kimmel Drive** in Fort Wayne, and **Kimmel Street** in Lafayette. **John E. Kimmel Township Office** is a local government office in Terre Haute.

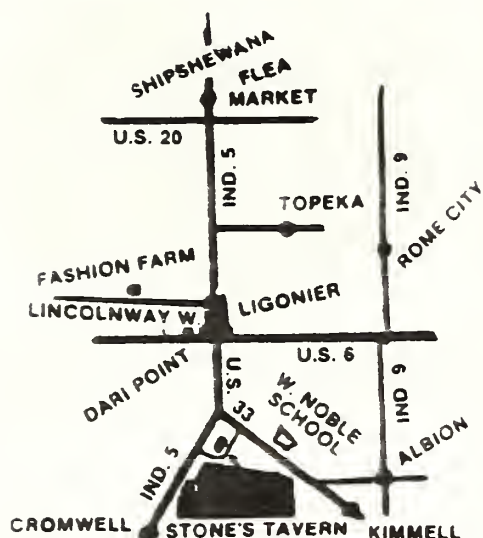
Vincennes has two Kimmel landmarks named after the powerful **Mayor Joseph Kimmell**, who served the town in the 1930's--**Kimmell Park**, a park and campgrounds established along the Wabash River about 1937, and **Kimmel Road** that runs along the south edge of town.

Some Kimmel businesses: 17 **Kimmel Shoe Repair** shops exist in Indianapolis, Carmel, Noblesville, and Bloomington. **Kimmel & Sons Auto Parts** is a manufacturing business on North Clark Boulevard in Jeffersonville, and **Kimmel's Automotive Repair** is on 10th Street in Shelbyville.

A WEBSITE FOR ADMIRAL KIMMEL
Internet surfers can access **Leigh Kimmel's Naval Homepage** for information on efforts to correct the official account of the events leading to the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Leigh presents herself as an ardent Pearl Harbor revisionist and supporter of the Admiral. Her Website includes a picture of Admiral Kimmel and a huge Pearl Harbor bibliography. The site is: <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/368>

KIMMEL SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
In future issues I'll be presenting one or two of the many Kimmel men who



Map showing location of Stone's Trace and town of Kimmell in Noble County, Indiana.

INDIANA LANDMARK BUILDINGS HAVE TIES TO KIMMEL FAMILY

Several historic buildings in Noble County, Indiana, have Kimmel ties, and at least two may be open to the public, according to Martha Bushong, an Albion, IN, professional genealogist and history buff.

Kimmel buffs who plan to be in Indiana some September may want to make the effort to attend the annual Stone's Trace Pioneer Crafts Festival, held on the grounds of Stone's Tavern Museum. The 1997 festival is scheduled for Sept. 6-7.

Built in 1839 by Richard Stone and operated as a tavern/hotel until the early 1860's, the Stone's Tavern was acquired by Cyrus Kimmell in 1870.

The structure has been restored by the Stone's Trace Historical Society and now serves as its museum.

In addition to restoring the old tavern,

Stone's Tavern Museum, built in 1839 in Indiana, was once owned by Cyrus Kimmell. His two-story brick home, partially restored, is nearby and is owned by the Stone's Trace Historical Society.



museum.

This home is located at 1397 North US 33, about two miles south of Kimmell and four miles north of Wolf Lake. For additional information, contact Ms. Hile at that address.



Tim Kimmel's Kimmel Column

KIMMEL LANDMARKS IN INDIANA

Noble County, IN., is a gold mine for Kimmel landmarks. The families descend from three totally separate lines, and one family--with the spelling *Kimmell*--had members highly involved in land ownership and politics.

The town of Kimmell lies

appear in one reference or another as serving in the American Revolution. The American Kimmels are:



Adam--b.1733 Gimbsheim, Palatinate; d. 1778 Ephrata, PA; wife Barbara Miller.

Balthasar--b.1751 Elmira NY; d.c1825 W. Sand Lake? NY; wife Maria München.

David--b.1763 near Bermudian, PA; d. 1827 near Dayton, OH; wife Barbara Croner. [Ancestor of the newsletter's host family!]

George--b.1743 Darmstadt, Hessen-Darmstadt?; d.1818 Pittsburgh, PA; wife Juliana Ruby.

George Jacob--b.1764 near Macungie? PA; d.1825 near Orwigsburg, PA; wife Maria Elizabeth Runckel.

Jacob--b.1757 near Bermudian, PA; d. near Berlin, PA; wife Mary Hoffman.

Jacob--b.17__ Germany; d.1800 near Greensburg, PA; wife Anna Margaretha ____; *Kimble* on records.

John--b.c1767 Charleston, SC; d.179x Charleston, SC; wife Rachel Long.

John--b.17__ Philadelphia, PA; d.1830 Philadelphia, PA; wife Mary ____; *Keehmle* on records.

John--b.17__ Germany?; d.17__ near Petersburg, WV; wife unknown; *Kimble* on records.

Joseph--b.17__ Germany; d. 1779 Savannah, GA; wife Mary Agnes ____.

Michael--b. 1736 Darmstadt, Hessen-Darmstadt?; d. 1818 Mt. Pleasant, PA; wife Juliana Asper.

Nicholas--b.1728 Darmstadt, Hessen-Darmstadt?; d.1804 near Bermudian PA; wife Anna Weber.

Thomas--b.17__ Germany?; d.18__ Baltimore, MD?; wife unknown.

In addition, "*Hessische Truppen im Amerikanischen Unabhängigkeitskrieg*" (HETRINA) records at Marsburg, Germany, list **16 Hessian Kimmels** (or Kümmels) in service to the English cause. Many Germans joined the military only to get to America and once there deserted. At least two of them were Kimmels:

Johannes--b. c1753 Wippershain, Hessen-Kassel; d ???; place unknown; wife unknown.

Peter--b.c1755 Fürth, Hessen-Kassel; d. ??? PA?; wife unknown.

More about Kimmels in the American Revolution (including David) in future issues.

JOSEPH ONE (1769), JOSEPH TWO (1769)
Last issue's reference to C. W. Kimmel's *Genealogical Memoranda, Kimmels, A.D. 1626 - A.D. 1930* brings to mind the confusion caused by the birth in early 1769 of two Joseph Kimmels.

C. W. Kimmel reasonably assumed in 1930 that Joseph (1769-1845, wife Hannah Welde) was a son of Michael Kimmel (1736-1818).

But Charles A. Messner, a member of the same family, discovered a second Joseph Kimmel, this one the son of Adam Kimmel (1733-1778, wife Barbara Miller).

In 1967 he compiled *Records of the Kimmel and Related Families*, in which he starts from Dr. Harry Kimmel Stoner's research (1930's), then presents documentation showing Joseph's lineage from Adam Kimmel, through J. Jacob Kimmel of Ephrata to J. Michael Kimmel of Gimbsheim, Germany.

The specific record at Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading, PA: "*April 8, 1792 - Joseph Kimmel of Donegal, third son of Adam Kimmel deceased, married to Hannah Welde, youngest daughter of George Weldy.*"

This Joseph moved to Union Co., PA, then Stark Co., OH., and most of us know the rest.

So what happened to Michael Kimmel's son Joseph?

He moved to Westmoreland County, PA, early enough to appear in the 1800 census and settled finally near Greensburg.

Land records refer to his wife as Nancy and Anne. I don't know if this represents one wife or two; and no record gives a list of his children. But various land, tax, and marriage records suggest the following are children of this Joseph (all but Joseph Jr. moved to Stark Co., OH.):

Samuel (c1787-1870?, m. Catherine Mory. Sons William of Crawford Co., WI, and Jacob of Richland Co. IL.

David (c1793-?, m. Susanna Welker). Sons Joseph and Michael of Wyandot Co., OH, and Henry of Stark Co., OH.

Solomon (c1795-1828 m. Sarah Snyder). Son Jeremiah S. of Crawford Co., OH, and ultimately Richland Co., IL.



Anna (c1800-?, m. Adam Hardesty).

Joseph Jr. (c1802-1827?, m. Elizabeth Feitner). Son Jeremiah of Westmoreland Co., PA.

Emanuel (c1807-?, m. Lydia Russell & Mary A. ____). Sons Christopher of Hillsdale Co., MI; John & George of Steuben Co., IN; David of Crawford Co. OH; Haratio of SD; Ira of Christian Co. IL; Emanuel of Denver, CO; James & Charles.

Michael (c1812-1884, m. Catherine Miller & Mary Ann ____). Sons Joseph & Silas of Wyandot Co. OH; William of Paulding Co. OH; Josiah of Labette Co. KS; and John of Hancock Co. OH.

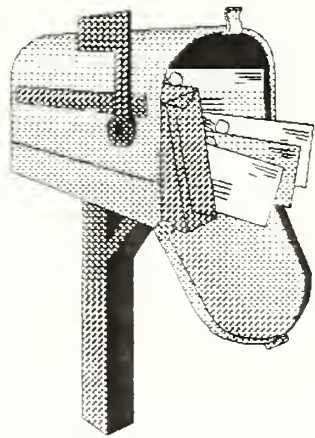
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family mailbox

Josiah Riegel Kimmel descendants:

From Hutchinson, KS., we have a note from Wilmer David "Bill" Kimmel, giving us current addresses for his sons Dave & Tedd Kimmel, and telling us he and his wife are doing still more traveling:

"Have enclosed a check for \$50 for paid-up subscriptions for Dave, Tedd and my Kimmel cousins news. We have enjoyed the good work you are doing with this project....

"Not time for news now. Leaving tomorrow for another trip to Europe--Germany & Austria this time.

"We were in London - Canterbury, England, then across channel on hydroplane to Belgium, then toured the Netherlands in late March and April."

Lola Kimmel wrote October 6 from Federal Way, WA:

"Jennifer Mallory (daughter of Paula Kimmel Mallory) took part in the 1996 Junior Olympic Girls 16-and-under Southwestern Area Fast Pitch Championships in Santa Clara the week of August 5, 1996.



"The tournament drew 22 teams from 12 states. The Blaze (her team) hit .344 while winning six of eight games in the double-elimination tournament. They finished third, and each girl came home with a bronze medal. Needless to say, all were happy..."

Mary Lacey Kimmel Bower of McLouth,

KS., sent us a short note in November, with new mailing addresses for her kids. "We sure enjoy the letters. Hope all are OK."

Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants:

Susan Coughenour Lundstrom, who lives in Lindsborg, KS., sent a note September 15: "Enclosed is \$5 to extend my subscription to the *Kimmel Family Newsletter*. My grandfather was Melvin Hummer, son of Martha Kimmel."

Melvena Hummer (Bly) Hazen wrote us Oct. 7 from Independence, KS: "...I really enjoy reading [*Kimmel Family News*] and sure have enjoyed the pictures.

"I am the granddaughter of Martha Ann Kimmel Hummer & Clement Hummer. The daughter of Ollie Hummer & Beulah Boyer Hummer. I am sending you some dates on some deaths, marriages, and births that have occurred in the last few years. I have more information on Martha Ann Kimmel family if you ever need any.

"My brother, Emmett Hummer, gave me \$20 to send you to help pay some expenses, and I will also send you \$20 to help. I want to give you a new address for two of my daughters, Lecieta Rea Bly Taylor and Patricia Bly Youngberg [see address changes above].

"My daughter, Teresa Bly Bell, said to tell you that she enjoys the letters. Thanks again, and love to the Kimmels."

Generation II

Melvena's notes concerning the descendants of Olive Branch ("Ollie") Hummer & Beulah Boyer Hummer tell us that Ollie & Beulah had five children:

The oldest, Goldie Pauline Hummer Griffin Payne, was born July 2, 1911 and died September 1, 1989.

The youngest, Delmar Lee Hummer, was born November 11, 1928, married Violet Wills, and died March 6, 1984.

The three middle children are still living and are on our mailing list. Emmett D. Hummer was born February 23, 1914, and lives in Parsons, KS. Melvena Caroline Bly Hazen was born June 3, 1916., and lives in Independence, KS. Harold H. Hummer was born August 17, 1921, and lives in Eufala, OK.

Generation III

Melvena tells us that her sister Goldie had five children: Alvin Paul Griffin, born February 20, 1931; Olive Fern Griffin Frye, born January 28, 1934; Gwendlin Lucy Griffin, born March 14, 1936; Jerry Ray Griffin, born June 30, 1939; and Beulah Carolyn Griffin Decker, born November 24, 1942.

Melvena's brother, Emmett Hummer, has

three children: Emmett Dean "Dean" Hummer, born July 10, 1941; Bonita "Bonnie" Jean Hummer Weaver, born April 10, 1943; and Patricia Kay Hummer Ringle, born November 14, 1945. Emmett's wife, Jean, died October 21, 1994.

Melvena's four children are Lecieta Rea Bly, born September 17, 1946; Marcel Ed Bly, born April 28, 1948; Patricia Sue Bly Youngberg, born February 7, 1951; and Teresa Ilene Bly Bell, born May 7, 1952.

Harold & Mabel Hummer's six children: Charolette Ann Hummer Walker, born November 6, 1943; Harold Ray Hummer, born November 30, 1944, died May 5, 1994; Treela June Hummer, born March 10, 1946; Harry H. Hummer, born December 3, 1950, died in a car wreck June 24, 1970; Olive Juaniece Hummer Wyman, born April 14, 1952; and Sherry Faye Hummer Hill, born June 28, 1954.

Generation IV & Beyond

Emmett Dean & Laura Hucks Hummer's son, Daryl Dean Hummer, drowned September 7, 1990. Their daughter, Deanna Lea Hummer Ward and her husband Nickolas Ward, have two children: Tyler Jacob Hummer Ward, born September 12, 1993; and Koston Nickolas Ward, born September 1, 1995.

(Emmett and Laura's daughter) Bonita (Bonnie) Hummer Weaver's husband, Donald Weaver, died May 31, 1994. Bonnie and Donald had three children:

(1) Donald Lynn Weaver and his wife Jennifer are the parents of Olivia Grace Weaver (b. September 20, 1992) and Christian Dale Lynn Weaver (b. May 18, 1996);

(2) Kenneth Ray Weaver, b. April 13, 1970;

(3) Andrea Marie Weaver Custis and husband Billy Custis are parents of Chantille Cristian Custis (b. Sept. 11, 1993) and Dathon Dakota Custis (b. June 14, 1996).

Another daughter of Emmett & Laura Hummer, Patricia Kay Hummer Ringle and husband Sam Ringle have two children:

Troy Dee Ringle, married to Vickie;

Sonja Kay Ringle, and husband Mikel are parents of Hayden Mik Danielle Ward (b. Nov. 4, 1990) and Dayton Felix James Ward (b. Nov. 16, 1993).

Melvena's daughter Lecieta Rea Bly Taylor married Theron Taylor. Their two children:

(1) Jay Ann Taylor (Gheen)

Maddux, whose husband is **Gene Maddux**. **Matthew Taylor Gheen** (b. Nov. 22, 1989) is the son of **Douglas Gheen** and **Jay Ann**.



(2) **Timothy Theron Taylor** and wife **Pamela** have a son, **Madison McKenzie** (b. Feb. 27, 1996.)

Melvena's son **Marcel Ed Bly** is married to **Cheryl Chambers Bly**. Their daughter, **Shelly Elaine Bly**, was born September 27, 1976.

Melvena's daughter **Patricia Sue Bly** married **Dale Youngberg** and has three children:



(1) **Jennifer Lynn Youngberg** married **Charles Bell** July 4, 1996;

(2) **Ryann Todd Youngberg** is in the US Navy;

(3) **Toby Kyle Youngberg**, whose wife is **Jami**, has a step-daughter, **Victoria Marie Ground** (b. 12/18/93), and a daughter, **Mallory Ryan Youngberg** (b. Sept. 26, 1995).

Melvena's youngest daughter, **Teresa Ilene Bly**, married **Michael Gene Bell**. They have a daughter, **Brittany Dyan Bell** (b. Nov. 24, 1982).

From **Booker, TX**, we have a November 22 note from **David & Edna Stollings**:

"We enjoy reading the *Kimmel Family News*. Some of the names we recognize, and that makes it interesting to read.

"My mother was **Rhodie Hummer Stollings**--she was a granddaughter of **David & Leah Riegel Kimmel**...."

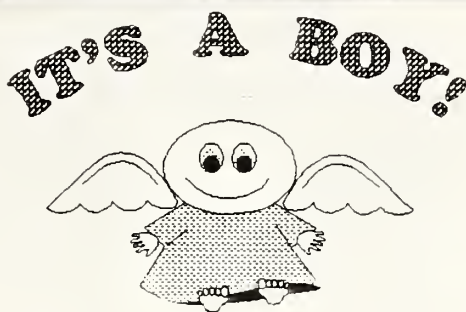
Henry H. Kimmel descendants:

Robert L. Kimmel of **Ft. Meyers, FL**, sent us a note September 17: "Sorry I don't know what my position is concerning paying for *Family News*, so here's a check for \$10.00.

"Things are quiet here in Florida. We have been lucky that no hurricanes have bothered us here in **Ft. Meyers**. **Betty &**



I remain in good health for old timers (77 years). Thanks for the news."

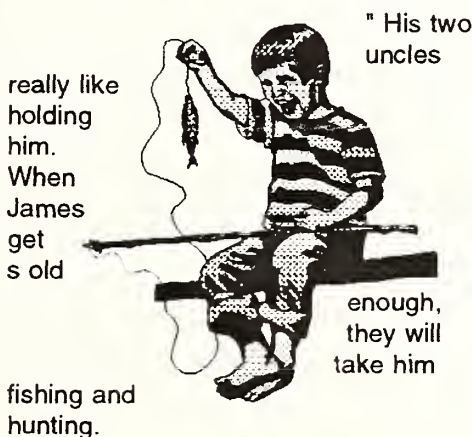


Jacob Clark Lawson was born June 5, 1996, and weighed 10 lbs. 13 oz. "He's a BIG baby! And very cute and wonderful," writes grandma **Julie Clark Gwynn**.

Young **Jacob** is a great-grandson of **Henry & Lydia Bowman Kimmel**. His parents are **Buck & Kim Lawson**, who live in **Atlanta, GA**.

Marie Kimmel Moffet of **Ozawkie, KS**., sent us a fat, newsy letter in September: "Mom and Dad [**Bill & Mildred Kimmel**] have moved out to **Kansas** now. They are living with us until their house is built.... It's really good to have them close by. I know **Maria** is envious. Maybe **Maria** and her family should move out here?"

"**Marie Moffet's** family--we are enjoying our new grandson! It's almost 'Who gets to hold **James** first?'



really like holding him. When **James** get s old

" His two uncles

enough, they will take him

fishing and hunting.

"**Charles'** promotion--he's known as **Supervisor, Facilities Engineering Structures**. Not sure what it all pertains, but he keeps busy.

"**Racheal** keeps busy with their son. **Andy**, her husband, is on his second year of ____ [*couldn't read--Ed*].

"**Archie** is at **OSU** in **Okmulgee, OK**, to receive an **Associates Degree** in **Diesel Mechanics**. He's definitely not used to dorm life!

"**Matthew** and **Charles** go to school but hate to. At least they do great in class. They both love to shoot at targets.

"I used **Matthew's** .22 rifle and hit 7 targets out of 10. Not too bad for a grandma!

"Me, I am substituting once again. I'm also trying to repaint the inside of our home. That's it for our news."

Maria Kimmel West, **Marie Moffet's** twin, wrote us October 7 from **Florida**: "...We seem to be very busy. I cleaned my house yesterday (spring cleaned in the fall) and hung up my autumn wreath on my front door.

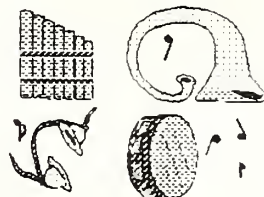
"This only reminded me that the busiest time of the year is fast approaching. So--if this doesn't get out, you'll be waiting a long time!! Ha!!

"This is from **Maria Kimmel West**, daughter of **Bill & Mildred Kimmel**, granddaughter of **Raymond David Kimmel**.

"In writing to bring you up to date on our family's goings on, I want you to know that your newsletters are very 'informing.'

"Our oldest son, who isn't a big reader, has found your newsletter quite interesting. He's amazed at how far back the **Kimmels** go. Of course, this is the son who, at age 11, asked me if they made straws when I was a little girl. I know now how my parents felt when I thought them 'old' when they were in their 40's! Haha!

"**Doug**, age 14 and in high school: he is attending a magnet school for the performing arts and playing the cello.



"He plays in a **Freshman String Quartet** and is also a member of the **Youth Orchestra of Florida** who sits side by side with the **Florida Philharmonic**. This has been quite an honor, as he's only been playing the cello for 2-1/2 years.

"High school is good--a bit hard on his hours--he's on the bus at 5:45 a.m. and gets home at 5:10 p.m., if he doesn't have rehearsal!!

"In spite of this schedule, his social life doesn't hurt--he's got girls calling him every day! (Another sign that times have changed--ha!) We've lost our phone privileges!

"Nonetheless, we are very proud of **Doug**; his school, his cello, his church and youth activities keep him going strong!

"**Jeff**, age 12-1/2 and in 7th grade: he's attending a middle school that has hearing-impaired students.

"**Jeff** is mainstreamed in all regular classes and is taking three advanced classes this year. He has an interpreter for the first time and has trouble dealing with this, but he's doing real good. He has trouble taking notes and watching the interpreter--however, he's ok!

"**Jeff's** hearing loss has gotten quite a bit worse (has no hearing in one ear and, with an aid, hears about 1% of what we hear), but his attitude is wonderful. His goal is

still to be a doctor or lawyer for the hearing impaired.

"He maintains a 3.5 grade average and loves to read, watch TV, and play Nintendo. He likes to swim and hydroslide too. We are very proud of him, too.

"Both of our boys keep us busy, and we wouldn't really want it any other way.

"Earle stays very busy at the hospital. He is one of many people you hear or read about who have been downsized in their position.

"He lost the title of Dept. Head Supervisor and is now a Lead Tech in Nuclear Medicine. This allowed him to continue exactly what he was doing (they expect this) with one-third less salary.

"We kind of think that in about two more years he will no longer be in the medical field. This is a very rough period and kind of sad. He's been with the hospital for 22 years.

"Nothing like a 'mid-life' career move when you don't really want to change. He is very intelligent in the computer field, and I look to see him do something in that area. Only time will tell.

"**Maria:** I continue to clean houses in the a.m. and teach piano lessons in the afternoon. I love teaching private lessons, but find the kids don't practice and parents don't force them. So—I end up losing a few students to sports each year.

"I stay busy doing church work, singing, and playing chaperone. I try to cross stitch in my spare time!!

"Well, Jan, I have caught you up to date with our news....It's 5:30 a.m., and I'm getting ready to get **Doug** to the bus stop. It's dark outside, and I'm tired! Bet **Doug** is too."

Beverly Sanders Muzzy of McLouth, sent us a copy of an article in the Trinity University newsletter (fall '96), which aroused her curiosity.

Entitled "*Kimmel Honored for Excellence in Teaching*," the article features **Lawrence Kimmel, Ph.D.**, a member of the faculty since 1968. "Is he one of us?" Beverly asks. Does anyone know the answer? [*In the meantime, we're trying to check--Ed.*]

other Kimmel cousins:

the Kimmel connection...

Cleve C. Kimmel of Billings, MT, sent a note along with his renewal early this month. "Enclosed is the 1997 \$5 bucks. Hope Clinton doesn't downgrade its

value before you cash it!"

Cleve's E-mail address is **clevek@imt.net**. He asks if *Kimmel Family News* has one (alas, no) and sends along "a disk that may help some people that use the internet."

From **Tim Kimmel** of Ft. Wayne, IN: "I would like to note the passing of **Franklin H. Buser** of Stroudsburg, PA. He died July 5 while at the Hershey Hospital for an operation. In spite of him having been in poor health for the past year, his death was a shock to friends and family.

"Kimmel researchers know Frank for his huge collection of records on the Kimmel families. He was fond of 'Kimmeling' while on trips with his wife **Margaret**. He would check the phone book for each town in the areas they visited and called on Kimmels in each place to talk family.

"Frank donated a collection of reports on about 170 Kimmel families to the archives at Salt Lake City.

"Frank's great-great-great-grandfather was "**Jacob of Berks**," the **Johann Jacob Kimmel** who is believed to have arrived in Philadelphia in 1750 and by 1780 had settled near what is now Orwigsburg, PA.

"Frank's great-grandfather **Jacob** moved in the 1820's to Indiana, the state Frank was born in.

"When I visited a few years back, Frank and Margaret were delightful hosts and Frank gave me the grand tour of the old Kimmel stomping grounds of Schuylkill County. His enthusiasm for his research and his love for his family was inspiring."

William A. Schwartz recently wrote to us from Garden Valley, ID: "I wish to subscribe to your newsletter.

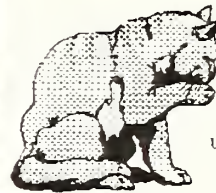
"I have enclosed my pedigree, to show how I am related to the Kimmel family.

"I am told that **Jacob Schwartz** (1760-1842) and his wife **Catherine Kimmel Schwartz** (1774-1844) had three grandchildren that married Kimmels.

"I have been to the Hagler Cemetery near Pomona, IL, where **Catherine**

The dog ate my homework and other good excuses...

Actually, it's our cat that for quite a while we've been blaming for the erratic behavior of our answering machine. Ever since she discovered she



could somehow make it "talk" by walking on the Answer button, she has periodically and quite deliberately repeated the experience, sometimes using up the entire tape, recording vast stretches of nothingness because she walked on the "memo" button.

Sometimes whole phone messages would disappear, and we would threaten her person with mayhem or even exile.

Alas, she has apparently been wrongfully accused! In the past month or so, our answering machine has lost more and more messages, often when Cat wasn't even in the house, and sometimes they disappeared in mid-transcription.

Recently the machine began to suddenly announce "Error, error," in a robotically demented manner, and entire messages would simply have vanished into the Great Beyond. We could hardly continue to blame Cat for that, and this week we replaced the answering machine with one of those new-fangled digital things. Hopefully, that will solve the problem.

So if you called us (573-442-1498) in the past several weeks (months?) and think you left a message but received no response, we hope you'll call back.

And we want you to know there's a good excuse for the newsletter being a little late this time. It was well on its way to being out on time, but a part of our business had a major fire November 20, and most of my time since then seems to have been taken up with paperwork in connection with that.

Actually, we only leased the building that burned, and it wasn't our main shop, but it burned to the ground very dramatically, and there we—Tompkins Construction—were on the front page of the local paper in full color (mostly yellow and orange).

Since then, we've spent lots of time sifting through the ashes and making lists of what was actually stored (and destroyed) there, and sifting through old records at the office to establish what lumber and tools we bought when that were in that particular building at that time.

Nobody was hurt, and our office and main shop are elsewhere, so we're not truly suffering. My husband, though, is in mourning for his 5 HP shaper and his new PowerMatic saw.... and the dust collection system that he'd finally gotten to work just the way he wanted.

But mostly things are getting back to normal, and the newsletter is finally in the mail. By the way, we don't really have a dog. Cat wouldn't like it.

—Jan Tompkins, Editor

Kimmel Schwartz is buried. I have also been to the cemetery in Salisbury, PA, where **Jacob Schwartz** is buried.

"I have also been to the cemetery in Stoystown, PA, where **Juliana Ruby**

Kimmel is buried.

"Gayle Putt sent me a copy of your newsletter. Gayle and I are related through **Jacob & Catherine Kimmel Schwartz**. I have a lot more information on the Kimmel family that you probably already have....

"My great-grandfather **Horatio Schwartz** and his family came to Idaho in 1881."

We have a September 20, 1996, note from Ohio cousins **Joyce K. Carter** (whose mother was **Lydia M. Kimmell Koleno**) and **Eileen Kimmell Vosburgh** (whose father was **William J. Kimmell**).

"We thought you would like to put the wedding picture we discovered of our dear grandparents' wedding, 1897, in your Kimmel newsletter. We were very excited."

Joyce and Eileen give their Kimmell lineage: **George P. Kimmell** (1874-1954); s/o **John Henry Kimmell** (1848-1915); s/o **Joseph Kimmell** (1813-1893); s/o **Solomon Kimmell** (1786-1836); s/o **Jacob Kimmell** (1757-1824); s/o **Philip Kimmel** (1724-1796); s/o **Johan Philip Kimmel** (1645-1777); s/o **Johan Michael Kimmel** (1662-1734); s/o **Hans Conrad Kimmel** (1630-?).

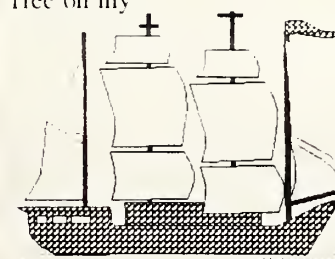
Barbara Horner Kimmell, who lived 1877-1960, was d/o **David S. Horner** (1843-1897), who traces back to **John Horner Sr.** (1720-?). (Whether this line ties in with **Lydia Bowman Kimmel's Hoerner** ancestors isn't clear.)

"Sarah's mother's side are... **Meyers** and **Hostetters**," writes Joyce. "George's mother's side are also **Penrods**, **Rhoades** and **Shaws**."

A brief note from **Marie Boney** of Decatur TX with an address change: "We enjoy each issue of the Kimmel Newsletter."

From **Curt F. Kimmel** of New Castle, DE, an October 3 note: "You do not know me yet, but I am a Kimmel cousin. I became interested in researching my family tree a few years back.

"I was given a copy of the Kimmel Family Tree on my

 father's side which takes me back to **Johann Jacob Kimmel** who arrived in Philadelphia on the *Brothers* in 1750. As a result of



Sarah Barbara Horner and George Penrol Kimmell on their wedding day, 1897, Somerset, PA

that document, I obtained a computer program and have entered all the data in my possession of my family.

"I recently sent a copy of what I had to my uncle in Colorado Springs, **Clyde J. Kimmel**. Today I received from him the February, May and September issues of your newsletter. I cannot tell you how excited I became when I read them.

"First of all, I am enclosing \$5 for a subscription and [enclosing] a copy of my family tree. I was interested in the **Kimmel Ancestors before Johann Michael** by **Tim Kimmel**. I too am interested in tracing my roots back into Germany.

"I noticed at the end of the article that **Tim** traces his lineage to **Jacob of Berks**. I am wondering if that is the same **Jacob** that I trace my lineage to... Also, can any Kimmel cousin help me trace my roots from **Gimbsheim**, Germany and beyond?"

"I am looking forward to seeing more articles about the Kimmels in the future. Hope to hear from you soon."

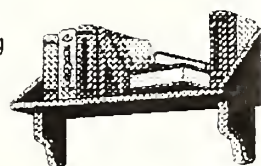
Eleanor Kimmell Roubique of Arvada, CO., wrote us October 25:

"Well, the famous football game between the Buffaloes of Colorado and the Tigers of Missouri will soon be upon us. And the great Fifth Down discussion will start all over again.

"On one of our many trips across I-70 in blizzards we had to stop near St Charles for the night, and I was dressed in my great black and gold from CU, and in the hotel lobby when I entered to register were great numbers of hostile Tiger fans.

"My husband thought I might be attacked, since I had almost incited a riot at a rest stop in Indiana from a rabid Georgia fan. What fun we have!

"Anyway, my purpose in writing is to tell you that I recently purchased a copy of the newest book about the descendants of **Jacob Prickett**, founder of **Prickett's Fort** in Fairmont, WV., and in it were two listing of the **Kimmel** name.



"I am enclosing a copy of the page. Perhaps you have this name in your file or someone would be interested. As far as I am aware, this is not my immediate family line.

"My husband and my cousin and I are not going to give I-70 a chance to get us in its clutches this winter. We are going by Amtrak to Toledo. Have a good fall and holiday season."

The printout Eleanor sent us is from page 54 of the New Family Book of Pricketts by Kimberlee Miller of Jacob's meadow, Fairmont, WV., and tell us that one Laura Isabel Dutton (1876-1959) married Durward Eugene Kimmel (1874-1965).

Their children, according to the book, were Essie Lucetta Kimmel Kailey (1897-1966), Elsa Mildred Kimmel Langley (1899-1991), Harold Durwood Kimmel (1902-1986), Emelia Muriel Kimmel Stumpff (1904-1978), Mary Pearl Kimmel Hays (1904-1983), Claude Eugene Kimmel (1906-1995), and Alice Evelyn Kimmel Breinig (1908-1969).

Newcomer **Doris J. Rohrbach** wrote Oct. 29 from Germantown, OH: "I'm descended from **Johann Phillip Kimmel**. My son, **Andrew Rohrbach**, got the information about your newsletter from **Michael Rohrer** on the internet. My son's E-mail address is arohrbac@ERINet.COM

"Do you have any back issues for sale, and what is the price of them?" [Yes, a very limited number of back issues are available from the Editor at \$2 each. Write Jan Tompkins at 325 West Hickam Dr, Columbia MO 65203. Perhaps some issue we'll include an index. --Ed.]

From Margery M. Long of 345 North Elm St., Orville, OH, 44667: "Imagine how surprised I was to learn that there is an organized group of Kimmels!

"I had gone to the Canton Library, Genealogy Section, looking for any info on the families of **Starn, Cover** or **Kimmel**. The wise librarian suggested I look in the family files. Boy am I glad I did!

"The following are my roots: **Michael Kimmel 1662, Philip Kimmel 1698, Philip Kimmel 1720, Michael Kimmel 1760, Jacob Michael Kimmel 1795, Sarah Kimmel Starn 1820, William W. Starn 1839, Harvey A. Starn 1870, Hazel Starn Long 1895, Margery M. Long 1928.**

"How does one go about joining your group or/and receiving the *Kimmel Family News*? Thanks for organizing."

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Stories, recollections, and photographs eagerly solicited for use in the newsletter. Contact **Janice Bower Tompkins, Editor**, 325 West Hickam Drive, Columbia MO 65203, or FAX 573-443-0476; phone 573-442-1498.

PUBLICATIONS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO KIMMEL BUFFS

A new soft-cover publication from the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley, POB 193, Ephrata, PA 17522, which catalogues the Ephrata Cloister death lists, includes a batch of Kimmels. Contact them for more information.

Brethren Encyclopedia (Brethren Press 1983) includes detailed entries for (p.693) **John M. Kimmel** (1866-1958); **Joseph L. Kimmel** (1856-1931); **Lewis Kimmel** (1836-1907); **Theodore Acroyd Kimmel** (1929-65); and **Arthur Vance Kimmell** (1880-1955).

In addition, an entry on the same page for **Kimmel Family** gives a brief overview, linking it to **Johann Michael Kimmel**, and states, "This family has produced dozens of ministers and educators."

Each entry gives bibliographical citations.

Another section (p.1678) lists very briefly 16 Kimmels or Kimmells ordained as Brethren ministers or elders, giving dates of birth and death, details concerning ordination and places of service.

The listing for (our own) **David Kimmel** reads: "**Kimmel (Kimmell), David (CB)**; 4-2-1826/9-2-1897; eld; Ozawkie, KS

(1867); IL (? - 1886); McLouth, KS (1886); *Almanac* (1882-96); *Kansas* (1922) 173, 209, 296; *California* (1917) 138; *GM* (1897) 635." The last entry refers to David's obituary in the 1897 *Gospel Messenger*.

There is, of course, an entry for **Josiah Regal Kimmel**, as well as Kimmels and Kimmells from Iowa, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Oregon, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

On page 1985, **John M. Kimmel's** 1951 324-page book, *Chronicles of the Brethren*, is reviewed and commended.



(above) **Johann Michael Kimmel, 1662-1746, Gimbsheim, Germany--patriarch of most American Kimmels.**

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Kimmel family news

a chronicle of Kimmel cousins

February 28, 1997

In this issue: 1997 Kimmel reunion plans * John & Zelma Sanders retiring from farming * Michigan & Illinois landmarks * (more) Kimmel soldiers in the American Revolution * family news update * letters & more



The Henry H. Kimmel house just east of McLouth, KS., built in 1886, is one of the Kimmel family landmarks at McLouth, KS. McLouth's school building will be the site of the 1997 Kimmel family reunion (June 7-8). The H. H. Kimmel house is currently the home of John Sanders, a grandson.

Kimmel Family Reunion to be held June 7-8 at McLouth, KS.

"Make Motel Reservations Now," Committee Advises

If you haven't already made arrangements for lodging during this year's Kimmel Family Reunion (June 7-8, McLouth, KS), Beverly Sanders Muzzy tells us, don't procrastinate.

"I visited several motels/hotels in Lawrence, KS., to get prices for rooms during the reunion for out-of-towners," writes Beverly, who lives at nearby Tonganoxie. During the same week end as our reunion, there is a convention going on in Lawrence."

Lawrence's Travelodge and Best Western, Bev says, "are completely booked," with some other motels nearly so. A chart listing some area lodging possibilities appears on the next page.

This year's Kimmel Reunion committee is

headed by Marie Kimmel Moffe, of Ozawie, KS. (phone 913-876-2685). The reunion will be held June 7 and 8, 1997, at the McLouth school house in beautiful downtown McLouth (pop. 700).

Catering will be by HyVee of Lawrence, KS. Marie says the Saturday evening meal will run about \$5.50, and Sunday noon's meal about \$8.00. Donuts and juice will be furnished in the mornings, and "Any other meals will be on your own."

What to bring? Marie suggests "arts and crafts, quilts, anything you've made...any hobby you'd like to share...the oldest Kimmel memorabilia item you have..." adding that "Kids are to bring items to show that are special to them (old or new)."

Genealogical buffs are encouraged to bring records, photographs and documents to share with other "root diggers." At least one informal genealogical session (probably Saturday morning) will be held at the reunion.

For more information, contact John Bower of Route 1, Box

the airport, driving toward Platte City. Then drive west across the Missouri River bridge to Leavenworth. Pick up Route 92 (west & south), and follow it into downtown McLouth.

In McLouth, at the flashing light where Route 92 joins Route 16, you can see the water tower which is adjacent to the McLouth School, two blocks west on Routes 16 & 92. But McLouth is a small enough (and friendly enough) town anybody can give directions.

Kimmel family historical sites are noted on John Bower's Kimmel Family Historical Sites Map.

Among those north of McLouth are:

(1) The farm where Andy & Mary Kimmel Whitmer lived from 1894 until after 1900. Earl and Mabel Kimmel Bower built the most recent house in 1920 and lived there until the

261, McLouth, KS (913-796-6768).

McLouth is a small town located near Kansas City, in Jefferson County, KS.

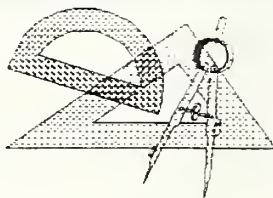
KCI Airport is about 30 miles from McLouth, and there are many routes from the airport to McLouth.

One suggested path (avoiding Kansas City's more congested areas) is to head north on I-29 just after leaving

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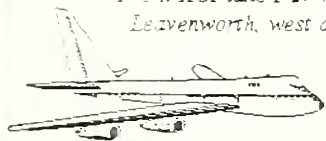
DISTANCES FROM McLOUTH

KCI Airport	30 miles
Lawrence	17 miles
Leavenworth	18 miles
Lansing	18 miles
Ozawkie	18 miles
Basehor	16 miles
Tonganoxie	9 miles



Directions from Kansas City International Airport to McLouth (one of many routes):

From KCI take I-29 north to the Platte City ext. west across the bridge to Leavenworth, west and south on Route 92 straight into downtown McLouth. You can see the school and water tower from there. McLouth School is on Summit Street between Agnes and Lucy Streets, two blocks west from the flashing light.



RV PARKS--CALL IN ADVANCE

Camp Mt. Hermon	between McLouth & Tonganoxie	913-845-2586
Riverfront Park	Leavenworth	913-682-6398
Riverfront Park	Lawrence	913-832-3450
KOA Campground	Lawrence	913-842-3877

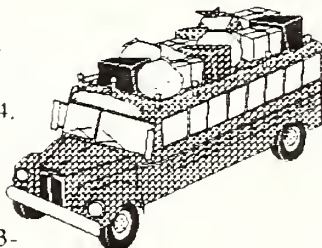
HOTELS, MOTELS--RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

EconoLodge KCI Airport	KCI Airport	816-464-5082
Best Western Hallmark Inn	Leavenworth	913-651-6000
Ramada Inn	Leavenworth	913-651-5500
EconoLodge	Lansing	913-727-2777
Bismarck Inn at Turnpike (east exit)	Lawrence	913-749-4040
College Motel	Lawrence	913-843-0131
Eldridge Hotel	Lawrence	913-749-4512
Hallmark Inn	Lawrence	913-841-6500
Holiday Inn (west exit)	Lawrence	913-841-7077
Ramada Inn	Lawrence	913-842-7030
Super 8 Motel	Lawrence	913-842-5721
Days Inn	Lawrence	913-843-9100
Comfort Inn	Lawrence	(new, no phone # yet)
Westminster Inn	Lawrence	913-841-8410
Virginia Inn	Lawrence	800-468-8979
Almeda's	Tonganoxie	913-845-2295

BED & BREAKFASTS--RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

Christopher's House, 643 Tennessee, Lawrence, KS., 913-841-9999
 Halcyon House, 1000 Ohio, Lawrence, KS., 913-841-0314.
 Bedknobs & Biscuits, 15202 Parallel, Basehor, KS., 913-724-1540.
 Almeda's, downtown Tonganoxie, KS., 913-845-2295.
 Village Inn B&B (next to golf course), Ozawkie, KS., 913-876-2835.

For specific information concerning 1997 Kimmel Reunion events (but not to make lodging arrangements), contact Marie Kimmel Moffet, Route 1, Ozawkie, KS 66070, phone 913-876-2585. Reunion is June 7 and 8, 1997, at McLouth.



and Rose Kimmel Whitmer in the 1890's.

(8) Site where David and Leah, and Josiah and Margaret Kimmel lived in the 1880's and '90's. The original house burned.

(9) Stone house two miles east of Round Grove School, in Leavenworth County, which was an early home of Clement and Martha Kimmel Hummer.

(10) Long time home of the Ray Kimmel family.

(11) One-time home of Clem and Martha Kimmel Hummer.

(12) Home of John and Mary Kimmel for 43 years.

(13) Walter Kimmel family home.

(14) Family home of Walter and Ruby Kimmel McPherson.

Among places of historical interest east of McLouth, on Route 16 are:

(15) Home of Henry and Lydia Kimmel in the 1920's; home of Les and Nell Kimmel 1929-1966; home of Jim and Mary Kimmel since 1966.

(16) Home of Henry and Lydia Kimmel 1883-1919 (house shown on page 1 built in 1886); home of Clarence and Anna Kimmel Sanders 1919-1957; home since 1957 of John and Zelma Tarr Sanders.

Also of interest to family history buffs is the McLouth Cemetery, just west from the school on the south side of Highways 16 & 92. And the rock on Granite Street, which has a Kimmel connection.

Copies of the Kimmel map are available from John Bower of McLouth.

1970's. The house burned in March, 1996, and only barns and outbuildings remain.

(2) The home of Claude and Myrtle Kimmel for many years.

(3) The home of John and Mary Lacey Kimmel Bower, and grandson Chris Edmonds.

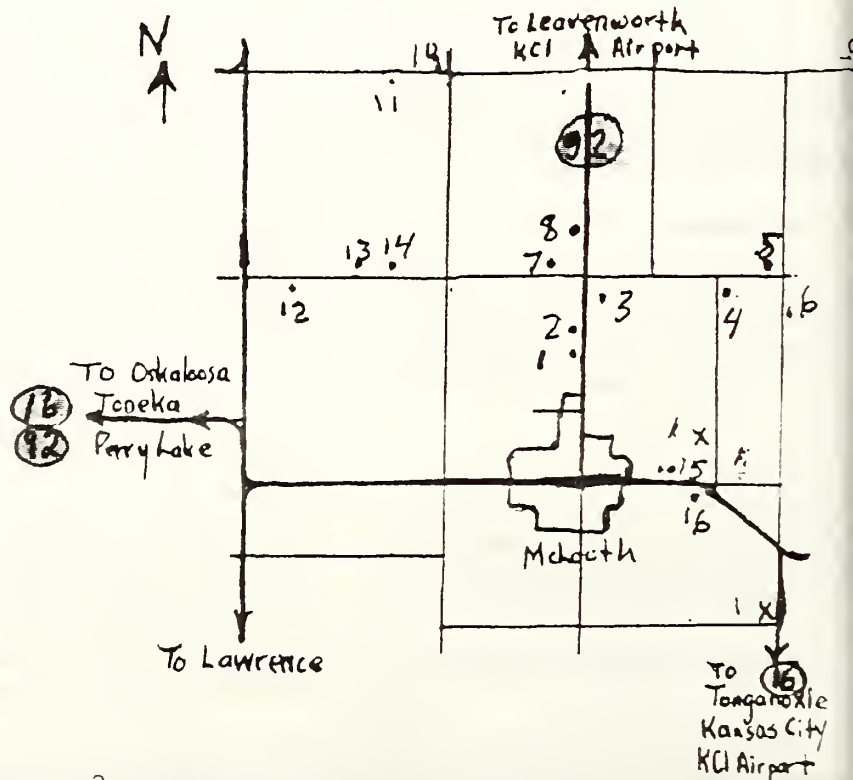
(4) House built by Earl and Mabel Kimmel Bower in 1909, and their home till 1920; birthplace of Donald, John and Gordon Bower.

(5) Home of David and Leah Reigel Kimmel, 1864 and 1865. Bought "sight unseen" from a stranger aboard a train. David and Leah went to Illinois until the 1880's. Andy and Elizabeth Kimmel Bowman and Henry Kimmel Riegel returned here in 1878. Henry began his farm enterprise with a team, wagon and plow. Rose and Louise Kimmel were born here.

"The house has not been lived in for a number of years," says John Bower, "but is little changed from the original."

(6) Girlhood home of Margaret Magill, wife of Josiah Kimmel.

(7) Home of Daniel



After you call for motel reservations, you might as well call or drop a note to the 1997 Reunion Committee to tell them you're planning to attend the 1997 Kimmel Reunion--after all, you want them to have enough food and a chair for you and anybody traveling with you!

You might want to tell them the events you're most interested in, just to help them plan. If you want something special in the way of display space, it wouldn't hurt to let them know.

If you or somebody in your bunch would like to be part of the entertainment on Saturday night, or you want to bring a musical instrument and take part in a family jam session, let them know that. Last reunion included a singalong, with copies of some hymns composed by at least two Kimmels for us all to sing. Maybe you've got something similar to share?

JOHN AND ZELMA SANDERS ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT

When McLouth farmer John Sanders and his wife Zelma decided to retire, the local papers took note.

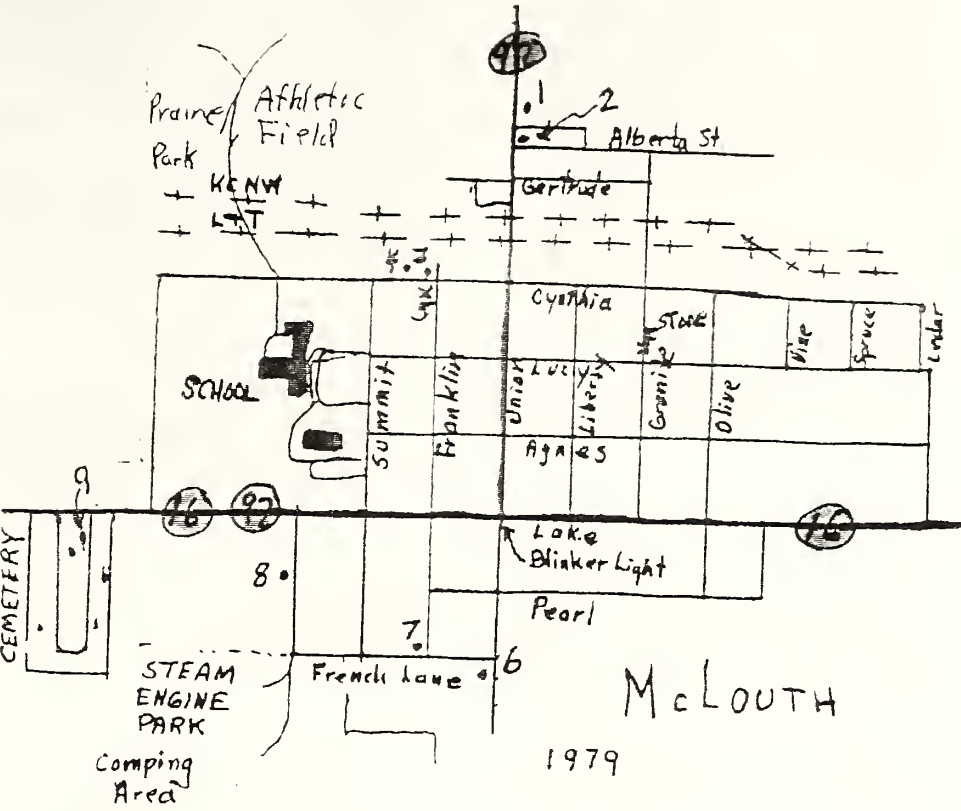
The *Lawrence Journal-World* carried the story on the front page of its Sunday paper for February 16, 1997: "A century of farming comes to an end," said the caption above a full-color photograph--a great outdoor shot by staff photographer Earl Richardson showing John and Zelma in front of a couple of tractors on their Kansas farm.

Headlined "Longtime farmers leave plow behind," the *Journal-World's* Ric Anderson starts by saying, "John Sanders is as much a part of his 600-acre farm as the tall grasses in the pastures and the dark soil that was producing corn crops before McLouth was founded.

"He was born on the farm, in the east room of the five-bedroom house built by his grandfather, Henry H. Kimmel," Ric Anderson continues, "and has lived in the home ever since, save for a few years after high school when he lived in another house on the farmland.

"For 39 years Sanders and his wife, Zelma, farmed the land that Kimmel and John's father, Clarence, nurtured through two world wars, any number of farm crises and winters so brutally cold that glasses of water left on bedside tables froze overnight. Sanders maintained and expanded on the farm through hard work, growing corn, beans and milo and raising cows and sheep..."

Now that Sanders, 72, is retiring, the *Journal-World* continues, "For the first time in 116 years, the farm will be



tended by somebody outside his family." from farm backgrounds."

68-year-old Zelma Sanders, they take note, "isn't crying. She's worked too hard, driving grain trucks and slogging through the boot-devouring mud, to tend the cows when her husband's been gone."

While the family auctioned off farm equipment February 15, Zelma points out, they aren't selling the land. "We're leasing it. We're not being forced out, we're just retiring," the *Journal-World* quotes her.

"We have four daughters who didn't marry farmers," Mrs. Sanders is quoted, "so that's kind of the story in a nutshell."

Lois Sanders Uihlein, one of those daughters and a bank officer in nearby Lawrence, "realized that the change had been coming for a long time," according to the newspaper article. "Neither she nor any of her sisters was interested in agriculture, and their husbands weren't

Ric Anderson's article continues: "All the old-timers know the Sanderses; they know that John is a former school board member and a soil conservationist who received the Kansas Bankers' Conservation Award in the '70s."

The Lawrence newspaper article also included photographs of Henry and Lydia Bowman Kimmel and an early photograph of the house (see page 1), and a little bit of Kimmel history:

"...Henry Kimmel's father, David, moved to the Jefferson County area from Ohio in the 1860s to help vote Kansas into the union as a free state. David Kimmel went back east a few years after he arrived, but retained ownership of the land he purchased while he was in Kansas.

"After Henry Kimmel moved away from his parents' home, he came back to Kansas and started farming, buying

"After a lifetime of farming in Jefferson County, Zelma and John Sanders, McLouth, are retiring," writes Lou Ann Thomas in the *Oskaloosa Independent*. "The couple will spend a little more time gardening, fishing and traveling without daily farming responsibilities."



What's now the Sanderses' farm in 1881."

According to the *Journal-World* report,

Before he built the house Kimmel worked alone on the treeless prairie for days on end, well out of sight of the nearest neighbor.

The railroads pushed into McLouth about the same time Henry Kimmel arrived." But, John Bower (another grandson of Henry Kimmel and a local area historian), reported that while many area farmers dropped their crops to help build track beds, Henry Kimmel stayed in his fields.

"The fellas working on the railroads were making so much per day," according to Bower, "and they were wondering why he (Kimmel) wasn't working with them. But when he sold his crop he ended up making 10 times more a day than they did."

In its February 13 issue, the *Oskaloosa Independent* also took note of John and Zelma's retirement. An article by Lou Ann Thomas headlined "Retiring Tradition," touches on John Sanders' view of farming. "Sanders says he went into farming as a young man because he 'didn't know any better.'"

Zelma Sanders' advice to would-be farmers is also passed along: "Zelma said she would tell a young man determined to farm to first 'find a wife that likes farming.'"

And the *Independent* says Zelma knows what she's talking about: "Zelma drove grain trucks during harvest and raised sheep until just last fall. 'I enjoyed it, but the problem was there was so much to do here at home.'" One year, Lou Ann Thomas reports, Zelma made 72 trips to Atchison. "Crops were good that year and at a good price."

Thomas takes note of John Sanders' care for his land. "The farmer has seen a lot of changes in his lifetime, from working the fields with horses to the advent of no-till sowing. 'We used to wear the ground out working it and we don't do that anymore. I haven't plowed a field for 20 years,' Sanders is quoted.

The *Independent* mentions Sanders' conservation award, then adds: "Sanders has also received the state Traditional Family Award and served on the McLouth school board for over 20 years..."

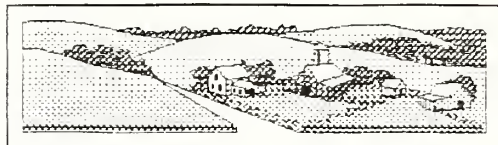
And there's a smidgeon of Henry H. Kimmel history: "...Kimmel was known as the 'Corn King' on the area, having harvested 22,000 bushels of the grain in 1890."

John Sanders and Zelma Tarr were married September 2, 1928, in McLouth. Their four daughters are Beverly Sanders Muzzy, of Tonganoxie, Ks.; Rhonda Sanders MowBry of Kansas City; Lois

Sanders Uihlein of Lawrence; and Glenna Sanders Kaup of Topeka.

The Sanderses also have two grandchildren, Hannah and Molly Kaup.

John and Zelma have laid-back plans for their retirement: "They plan on doing a little more traveling, along with gardening and fishing..." according to Thomas, who quotes Zelma: "It's just another phase of our lives, I guess."



Tim Kimmel's Kimmel Column

KIMMEL LANDMARKS IN MICHIGAN AND ILLINOIS



There are lots of streets named after our family members in Michigan. The only one whose source I'm sure of is the **Kimmel Street** that runs the length of **Berrien Springs**. **George Kimmel's** family settled there in the 1830's.

Another **Kimmel Street** runs four blocks east to west in **Stevensville**. There is **Kimmel Road** running north to south in **Sebawa Township** of **Iona County**, and another running east to west about four miles south of **Jackson**.

Kimmel Place is a cul-de-sac in a housing addition just northwest of **Saginaw**, and **Kimel Drive** is at the north end of **Lake Mitchell**, west of **Cadillac**.

Kimmel businesses in Michigan include **Kimmel's Hallmark Shop** in **Washington Square** in **Lansing**, **Kimmel Kut and Kurl** on **4th Avenue** in **Lake Odessa**, and **Kimmel Scrap Iron and Metal Company** on **Grand River Avenue** in **Detroit**.

Illinois is big on **Kimmel cemeteries**. There's one about 4 miles due south of **Anna**, one north of **State Pond** northwest of **Jonesboro**, and another in **Williamson County** about 1.5 miles east of the dam for **Lake of Egypt**. Then there's **Kimmel-Elkville Cemetery** at **Elkville**.

Kimmel Street runs eastward out of **Elkville** and becomes **County Road 14** going to **Royalton**. The only other roads I know of are **Kimmel Road**, a street in two sections northeast of downtown **Marion**; and

Kimmel Court, a short street jutting off **Morgan Drive**, also in **Marion**.

Kimmel businesses in Illinois include **Kimmel Chaplain Pharmacy** in the **Benton Medical Clinic Building** in **Benton**, **Kimmel Plumbing** on **Kellogg Place** in **Wheaton**, and **Kimmel Publication** in **Carol Stream** outside **Wheaton**.

KIMMEL SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

#1--**DAVID KIMMEL**
David Kimmel was born in 1763, probably in **Bedford** (now **Somerset**) **County, PA**, to **Philip** and **Anna Christina** (**Henn**) **Kimmel**.



The earliest reference to his service appeared in **Evert's Combination Atlas Map of Montgomery County, Ohio** (1875), in the biography of David's son **Louis**.

Beers' History of Montgomery County, Ohio (1882), in a bio of David's grandson **Lewis**, goes into detail about David's military career.

"He was with **Washington** in his marches and engagements in **New York** and **New Jersey**. He was among those who made the famed and perilous trip across the **Delaware** in midwinter, and as a result of the undertaking capturing **Trenton** and the **Hessian** soldiers.

"He participated in the victorious battle of **Princeton**, fought in the terrible and disastrous battle of **Brandywine**, witnessed **Burgoyne's** surrender at **Saratoga**, and suffered with compatriots the miseries and privations of **Valley Forge**. For seven years he fought the good fight as one of the heroes of '76, and at last witnessed and participated in the culmination of that grand struggle for liberty and independence, the surrender of **Cornwallis** at **Yorktown**..." Family legend has it he was a drummer boy.

This account sounds grand for anyone, let alone a 13-year-old. So far no actual document (that I've heard of) has been found that shows any **David Kimmel** serving in the militia. And the fact that the same article says he came from **Switzerland** in 1760 with his father makes one wonder if the account is exaggerated.

However, the local **DAR** chapter did find it credible enough to place a **Revolutionary Soldier** marker on his grave (1926).

Direct evidence could still surface to prove David's role in the military. Research is going on. In fact, **Lola Kimmel** of **Federal Way, WA**, is looking for this missing piece of evidence and would welcome any assistance in finding it.

[David Kimmel (1763-1827) was the grandfather of "our" David Kimmel (1826-1897) who married **Leah Riegel** in 1849.]

REGARDING LAST
ISSUE'S
REVOLUTIONARY
SOLIDER LIST

An addition:
Philip--b. c1735
Gimbsheim,
Germany; d 1786
Cumberland Co.,
PA; wife Anna
Maria -----



Also, I had listed
these three Kimmels
listed in the DAR Patriots Index: **George**
(1743-1818, wife **Julianna Ruby**); **Jacob**
(1757-1824, wife **Mary Hoffman**) and
Michael (1735-1818, wife **Juliana Asper**).

I had trusted the DAR procedures, but after
reviewing applications for these I have
doubts. They were in York and Bedford
(Somerset) Counties, but the soldiers
described were in Lancaster County militias
where these Kimmels of military-service age
lived:

George--b. Germany; arrived in Philadelphia
1751; d. 1782 Lancaster PA; wife **Eva Susanna**
-----;

Jacob, nephew of **Adam***--b. 1757 Lancaster Co.
PA; d c1814 near Ephrata PA; wives **Esther**
Fahnestock and **Elizabeth Graver**;

Michael, oldest son of **Adam***--b.1754 Lancaster
Co., PA; d c.1791 Philadelphia PA?; wife
unknown.

(***Adam Kimmel** was first lieutenant and supplier
to the Continental Army.)

I'd like to hear from descendants of the three
DAR-accepted Kimmels before I do final
write-ups on **George**, **Jacob** and **Michael**.
At least one of them is definitely misplaced.



MORE ON THE
MEANING OF
KIMMEL

A few issues back
I had asserted that,
even though the
German word
kimmel meant
'caraway' the
German name
Kimmel actually
meant 'a brave and
powerful warrior.'

Recently I looked up the meaning of the
English counterpart of **Kimmel**--the name
Kimble. *Surnames of the United Kingdom*
(Harrison 1969) noted that **Kimble** came
from the Old Cymric 'Cynbel,' meaning 'cyn'
chief + 'bel' war. **Kemble** was translated
from ancient Saxon 'Cynebald,' meaning
royally bold.

A Dictionary of British Surnames (Reaney
1958) groups **Kemble**, **Kemball**, **Kimball**,
Kimbell, **Kimble**, **Kimmel** and **Kemple**
together with the 'cyn' + 'bel' origin offered
in the other book. This comes mighty close
to what the German surname researchers
came up with, and definitely nothing close to

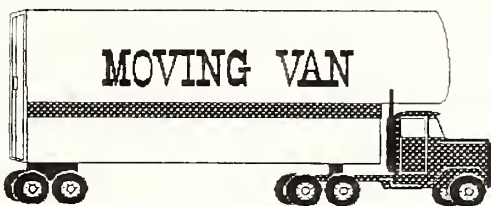
the 'gatherer of caraway seeds' meaning
promoted by American heraldry
salesfolk who probably didn't check
further than the German dictionary.

TODAY'S WEALTHIEST KIMMEL

The latest *Forbes 400* list has come
out, and a Kimmel is on it. It's **Sidney**
Kimmel of Philadelphia, founder of
Jones Apparel. They value his worth
at \$630 million.

Sidney Kimmel has donated millions
towards cancer research by way of
scholarship and donations through the
Sidney Kimmel Foundation for Cancer
Research.

The **Kimmel Cancer Center** at Pennsylv-
ania University and the **Sidney Kimmel**
Cancer Center in San Diego are named for
him.



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Booker, TX 79005.

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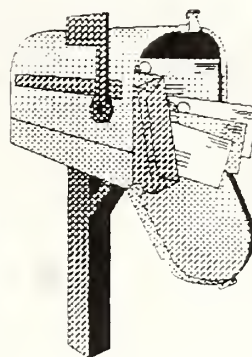
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*family
mailbox*

*Martha Kimmel Hummer
descendants:*

Jeanie Collins Coleman of Booker, TX.,
surprised us with a December 13 note: "I
did not know until recently that there was a
Kimmel Family Newsletter. **Roy & David**
Stollings are my uncles. My mother was
Nellie Stollings Collins, who passed away
October 24, 1992.

"As a Christmas gift to my brother and
sisters and cousin, I would like to subscribe
to the newsletter. My check for \$25 is
enclosed. Please send the newsletter
to...**Jeanie Coleman**, **Linda Epp**, **Evelyn &**
Charles Vaughn, **Bill & Doris Collins**....I
would appreciate any of the back newsletters
I could get. I'll pay for copies, your time
and for mailing them.

"I remember meeting **Winifred** when I was
a little kid. (I'm 52 now.)

"Also, please send the newsletter to
Charlotte Walker, daughter of **Harold**
Hummer...."

*Mary Anne Kimmel Whitmer
descendants:*

We have a card and note from **Ritch &**
Charlotte Whitmer Davidson dated
December 21: "What resilience you have--a
front-page-making fire and resulting loss and
mess to clean up, yet never missing a beat in
getting the news (Kimmel) out. Our heartfelt
thanks! Seems I remember you have an
anniversary around now so we're sending you our
best wishes for that.

"Nothing especially noteworthy with us. We
moved into our new home last January, so
this is our first Christmas here, and I'm
finding new places for my 'old favorites' in
Christmas decorations. **Ritch's** mom is with
us and has just turned 92.

"We'll be joining the Whitmer side of the
family for Christmas and looking forward to
it. All the best to you in '97."

From **Bonnie Tomlinson Winters**
Collins we have a December 23 note:
"This letter is to wish you all a very merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"I am enclosing a check for my dues and
an additional \$5 for the dues of my

cousin **Roger Christensen**, who is the son of **Velma Christensen**, who is the daughter of **Edith Murial Kimmel Smith**, descendant of **Andrew & Mary Anne Kimmel Whitmer**. Roger's mother and my mother are sisters. [Roger lives in Colorado Springs.]



"I am hoping to attend the **Kimmel reunion**. However, could you help with directions as to how to get there from San Antonio and places to stay?

"I have an E-mail address: JColl90531@AOL.COM

"Also enclosed is a copy of the Souvenir Edition of the McLouth, KS., November 25, 1898, paper that Roger sent me in his Christmas letter." [The photocopy from the McLouth Times that Bonnie sent featured biographies of **Josiah R. Kimmel**, **Henry H. Kimmel**, and **Andrew W. Whitmer**. Look for parts of this in future issues.]

Henry H. Kimmel descendants:

Somebody sent us a copy of an article from *Cappers Weekly's* February 11, 1997, issue about McLouth's big rock. We weren't sure just what the name implied, but **John Bower** was one of the local experts cited in an article headlined "Ice Age relic survives in the middle of the street."

The relic in question is "a rock, apparently a mother of a rock left by a retreating Ice Age glacier, smack in the middle of the street"--Granite Street, of course.

"The boulder is about 2 feet high and 5 feet across," according to reporter Ric Anderson, but like an iceberg, that's only the part folks can see. A Roosevelt-era WPA project apparently abandoned its efforts to dig it up. "They said the farther they dug down, the bigger it got...."

Despite this and other attempts to remove McLouth's big rock--including chiseling and using fires in hopes of causing it to fracture--the rock remains a local landmark, one with a Kimmel connection. "Some folks have an emotional attachment, like Bower, whose grandfather often stood on the rock to scan the prairie for wayward cattle in the 1800s."

I've been visiting McLouth for 58 years and have never seen this rock, but you can bet that at the 1997 Kimmel Reunion, I'm gonna look for it and try to get some photos of Kimmel kinfolk on the rock. --Jan



We have a Christmas card and note from **Gordon & Betty Bower** of Lawrence, KS:

"We are enjoying all your family letters and looking forward to reunion this year.

"We had several freaky weather

spells this fall, early snow and winds, lost several branches from our large maple tree, but our loss wasn't as great here in Lawrence as it was in Overland Park, and our city was prompt in sending a chipper around. Our second driveway was full of limbs. Did you have that storm in Columbia? Enclosing \$ for more newsletters."

A December 16 Christmas letter from **Gary & Sharron Bower McGill** of Shoreline, WA:

"Hope this letter finds everyone well and happy this holiday season. For us in the sunny city of Seattle, it has been a year of settling in. We are still Mid-Westerners at heart, and continue to look for an opportunity to come back to that area, but are beginning to settle here.

"**Sharron** & I started out the year (March 1st) by celebrating our 21st anniversary. Not as eventful as our 20th, when we went to Canada, but we did have dinner at a fancy restaurant with a great view of the sunset over Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains. Shortly after that we took a week end trip to Whidby Island, an area with beautiful forests, prairies and shorelines. We also hiked around an area called Deception Pass.

"In April, while I was in Kansas City for a conference, **Sharron** and **Jennifer** took in the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. As



Jennifer has become quite a photographer we came out of that as well as our other adventures with some great pictures.

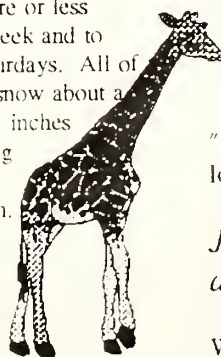
"May was an eventful month for all. Early in the month we experienced an earthquake of 5.3 magnitude. Poor **Jennifer** didn't know whether to laugh or cry. A couple of days later the Olympic torch came through the Seattle area.

"Mother's Day we took an evening cruise on a tour boat. It featured an Elvis impersonator who was pretty good. One of the things that let me know I'm getting old is that when I mentioned the cruise to some of the students who work for me, they had never seen an Elvis movie. Later in May I went to Georgia for my nephew Kevin's high school graduation....

"**Sharron** and **Jennifer** returned to Wichita in June for a family reunion in McPherson. **Sharron** turned a young 40 this year, still a young bride to me. She continues to work as a merchandiser, as I am part-time, serving several different grocery stores. She is talking about looking for a full-time job, probably in a customer service area that she has worked before, but no big hurry. It's nice to have the flexibility each day and be able to take off for vacations, etc., when we want.

"She continues to work out more or less consistently a couple times a week and to roller skate on Fridays and Saturdays. All of us got a workout in shoveling snow about a month ago as it snowed several inches on November 19th. That's a big snow for Seattle and pretty much closed things down. It only lasted two days though.

"**Jennifer** is a junior this year and continues to volunteer summers at Woodland Park Zoo and each Friday at PAWS. School work has kept her busy this year.



During the summer her friend **Kerry** visited from Wichita for a month. About a week before **Kerry** left, **Wendy [Barnett]**, her cousin, came from Phoenix. While **Kerry** was here we visited Vancouver, Mt Rainier, the Space Needle and several other area attractions. During the early part of the summer we took a couple hikes that were several miles. One up Mt Rainier and one to Wallace Falls. We're not sure that **Jennifer** would admit it, but I think the girls enjoyed the hike up Mt Rainier even if **Jennifer** did have to claw her way up.

"During **Wendy's** visit we drove to the Coast to see the Hoh Rain Forest and the Olympic Mountains at Hurricane Ridge.

"A couple of weeks before school started and after all the company had left, **Jennifer** worked selling T-shirts and souvenir items at a banking conference on campus. The concession was operated by one of the people I work with at the IMA.

"I turned 40+ this year and continue doing the same old things. This year has been a busy year at work as we continue to try to expand our services without being able to expand our building. Fitness has grown into the biggest area of our services outside of Intramurals, so we continue to look for ways to add to our equipment and space without affecting other services we currently offer. We were lucky enough to get the Athletic Department on campus to pay for some of our field space that they wanted instead of just taking it, so there has been money available to add to our fitness capabilities.

I continue to be a couch potato during football season, but have not gotten into the Seahawks yet. There is a possibility that the Seahawks will start to pay their games at the University facility (Husky Stadium) as the Kingdome is getting older and less adequate. Paul Allen (Microsoft co-founder \$\$\$) may purchase the team and wants to play in the stadium. Local businesses and the University (less \$\$\$) aren't so hot on the idea, so we'll probably have the Seahawks in Husky Stadium. If you happen to notice wet spots (tears) on this letter it's because I'm typing it just after the Nebraska/Texas game.

"Well, in microcosm that has been our year. Again, hope everyone is well and let us hear from you. Happy holidays to all."



From **Janet Clark McCoy** of Linden, CA, brief note: "Janice--are you sure \$5 covers it? I'd be glad to send more. (it's worth it)

"I'm planning to be at the reunion and am looking forward to meeting you."

Josiah Riegal Kimmel descendants:

We have a Christmas letter from **John & Mary Lacey Kimmel Bower** of McLouth, KS: "We have had another good year at

McLouth. The winter was very dry; by March we had received less rainfall than Phoenix, Arizona! Then the rains began, delaying planting of spring crops and slowing harvest this fall.

"I still have some soybeans in the field on December 1. But in between, we raised one of the best crops ever. And once again Kansas was green all summer.

"In February, **Mary** and I celebrated our seventh anniversary. How time flies when we are having good times together!

"More than 350 attended double services at our church on Easter. The last week of April **Mary** and I went to the Midyear Meeting of the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Marge Whitmer visited us in May, and most of the Kimmel Klan were here for a get-together at our place.

"In June I participated in making a made-for-TV film about the history of Prohibition in Kansas. The last of June, **Mary** and I went to McPherson for a reunion of descendants of David and Susan Badger Bower, my grandparents. Kinfolks came from as far away as California and Washington.

"We are thankful for hospitals! In June, **Mary's** granddaughter, **Angela Hathaway**, suffered toxic shock following minor laser surgery. The doctors were ready to give up hope, but the family and the Lord did not, and she is back taking care of her family.

"In July, son-in-law **Dave Miller**, **Judy's** husband, who is an over-the-road truck driver, had a heart attack in Charlotte, North Carolina, and drove himself to a hospital. I took **Judy** and **Sam**, their son, to the KCI Airport, 41 miles, through Leavenworth, in 45 minutes. **Dave** is recovered and back driving a new truck.

"Then it was my turn. I went to a Portland hospital with a fever of 102 during my annual visit with **Ron & Jan**, but recovered quickly.

"I also had a short visit with **Doris Willis**, **Ken & Lola Kimmel**, and **Don Smoots** at Tacoma, WA. Coming home on a 'redeye' flight, it was a gorgeous sight as the sun came over the curve of the earth from 35,000 feet up.



"In late

September, **Mary** and I went to

Topeka for the annual meeting of the state WCTU. We also visited the state Museum of History. On Veterans' Day, we had ten inches or so of snow, the earliest heavy snowfall on record here. There was massive damage to trees, which still had most of their leaves.

"We had Thanksgiving dinner with **Dave** and **Judy** in Oskaloosa. We enjoy **Sam** and

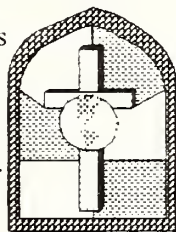
Amanda and attend some of their school functions.

"**Mary** still does volunteer work at the nursing home and library. She is Memorial Secretary of the Kansas WCTU, and is still battling the computer. I am chairman of deacons of the Baptist church, Sunday school teacher, treasurer of the county historical Society, and a director of the McLouth Kiwanis Club. We did not move, but we have a new address, since the county went to 9-1-1.

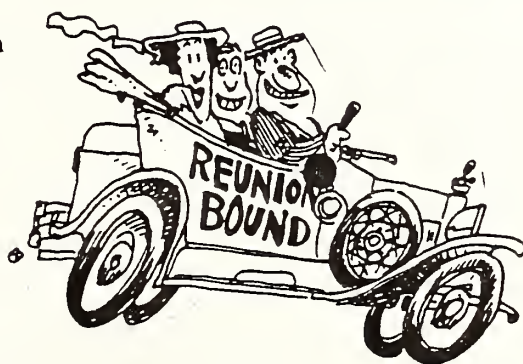
"How thankful **Mary** and I are for the love we have found together, for family and friends who care, for a good community, and for our church, where we share the warmth of Christian love.

"And how thankful that

God loved us so much that He gave His only Son on that first Christmas, so that we might have Life, full and rich and abundant. May the Love of God fill your hearts and lives at this Christmas season and go with you in the new year."



the Kimmel connection



We have a fax from **Vic Kimmel** of Leasburg, FL: "Wife and I will attend **Kimmel Reunion** in June. Please send info..."

Bevan D. Kimmel of Lakeside, OH., sent a note along with his renewal check: "In researching the Kimmels I came across a book of marriages in Pennsylvania in the 1700's. One marriage was of great interest to me, not because of the Kimmel that was married, but because of the minister.

"**George Kimmel** was married to **Juliana Ruby** by Reverend **William Otterbein**, pastor of the Reformed Church in York, PA.

"**Otterbein**, when he left York, moved to Baltimore, where about the turn of century he joined with theologically like-minded clergy and formed the United Brethren in Christ denomination which as

a child was my denomination.



"It is now a part of the United Methodist Church, from which I retired after 40 years of service. This piece of trivia may only be of interest to me."

From New Castle DE, we have a December 2 letter from **Curt Kimmel**: "I have another Kimmel to add to your newsletter. It is **Fred A. Kimmel**.... **Fred** is my father. I gave him the copies of the newsletter that my uncle sent me, and he is interested in receiving your paper.

"**Fred** originated from Schuylkill County PA. He came from a big family but his parents died when he was young. He started working in the coal mines of the area and eventually came down to Chester, PA.

"**Fred** and my mother (nee **Klinger**) had four children: **Carol Mae**, **Edward**, myself and **Deborah**. They are retired. **Fred** is a veteran of World War II and was in the army and present at the D-Day Invasion of France and the Battle of the Bulge. He has many war stories to tell, but one which is probably my favorite was when he found an old German uniform and put it on. He returned to his camp and started talking Pennsylvania Dutch. His fellow soldiers almost shot him, thinking he was the enemy. He was quite a character from what I hear.... Looking forward to the next issue."

We have a December 7 note from **A T Kimmell**, DVM, of Topeka, KS: "Hi. Just a short note with my renewal check. Your 'newsy' News has brought me another relative by the name of **Clara M. Hill** of Belen, NM. We both trace back to **Adam** (b 1733-d 1778, Ephrata PA).

"I also have a local friend that visited Gimbshheim, Germany, this summer, and took a few photos there. Very pretty--hope I can one day go myself. Thanks again for doing such a fine job."

Mary R. Gray wrote December 8 from Novato, CA and sent along her renewal check: "I really enjoy the Kimmel newsletter....

"I like reading about the oldest Kimmel ancestor who first arrived in the US up to the middle 1800's, since those families are the hardest to categorize into the correct families with duplicate first names.

"So far I've sent for 12 land records from PA for **Abraham** (1780-?) and **Jacob Kimmel** (1757-1824), his father, hoping one will establish **Abraham's** wife as **Susannah** and hope one will name all or some of his 9 known children. Is anyone working on this **Abraham** from the Stony Creek Twp area? When and where he died?"

1997 Kimmel Reunion Planning Committee
c/o Marie Kimmel Moffet
Route 1
Ozawkie KS 66070

(OR PHONE 913-876-2685)

I/we hope to attend the 1997 Kimmel Reunion June 7-8 at McLouth, KS. Plan on _____ adult(s) and _____ children (ages: _____).

Events I/we are most interested in:

I'd like to help with:

Signed:



I think the present day family information is of more interest to a few, where the older ancestor information is of interest to most who are researching for their distant families.

'Tim Kimmel's column has always been helpful and informative, along with the old homestead pictures and information that the families send in who still live in the areas....'

LeRoy Eaton of Terre Haute, IN., wrote December 3: "I am inquiring about a Kimmel newsletter that I heard you were publishing...."

My GGrandfather was **Jacob Kimmel** b 27 May 1821 d 10 March 1910 at Kearney, Buffalo County, NE. He married **Nancy Tombaugh** b. 1821. His dau. **Catherine** b 19 December 1845, Parkersburg, IL, d 9 Dec 1931, Kearney, Buffalo County, NE, m **Ezra Fread**.

"**Ezra** was my grandfather on my dad's side of the family. There were some reports that they lived in Stark County, OH before moving to Olney, IL.

"If you have a newsletter or an organization of Kimmel researchers please let me know. I am very interested in continuing down this family line."

Robert E Heisler wrote in January from Willard, OH: "I was given your name by the Stark County District Library in Ohio and a recently discovered distant cousin of mine named **Mike Rohrer** of Hawaii. Both sources proved to be invaluable to me with my **Kimmell** ancestry, and I decided to take their advice and contact you.

"My **Kimmell** line comes down to me through my mother, **Alma Bevier Heisler** (b. 1932). Her father was **Frank Daniel Bevier, Sr.** (1899-1971), and his mother was **Alma Harriett Kimmell Bevier** (1861-1915), my mother's namesake. She was a daughter of **Daniel Kimmell** (1827-?1908), who had been born in Stark County, OH, but later moved his family to DeKalb County, IN.

"He and his wife, **Lucinda Smith**, had six children: **Orlando, John, Benjamin, Martha, Alma** (my grandmother), and **Jennie**, who was the namesake of her sister **Alma's** eldest daughter.

"My grandfather, **Frank Daniel Bevier, Sr.**, later moved 'back' to Ohio to work for the B&O Railroad with his brother, **Sam**. He was probably unaware of his **Kimmell** connection in Ohio. We were too, until recently. His grandfather, **Daniel Kimmell**, was a s/o **John Kimmell** (1798-1876), s/o **Joseph Kimmell Sr** (1769-1843) and **Hannah Welde (Welty)**. Joseph's father was **Johann Adam Kimmell** (1733-1778) who was b in Germany, yet served his adopted country in the American Revolution.

"I didn't know of your organization and newsletter until very recently, so I decided to join now and make up for lost time. I think it's great to have this organization to keep track of all of us. Are we all descended from **Johann Michael Kimmell** (1662-1734) and his son **Johann Jacob Kimmell** (1705-1784) who came to the US and settled in Ephrata, Lancaster County, PA? Or did other Kimmells come over later as well?

If you have any information on **Daniel Kimmell's** line, particularly on his actual death--around Hudson, IN, or his parents, **John & Martha McFadden Kimmell**, I'd be very grateful to know. It's nice to belong to such a well organized 'family' with its own newsletter. It makes it much easier for us to find 'ourselves'. Thank you."

Shirley Baker Gellneau of San Antonio, TX, wrote January 19: "The last issue of Kimmel Family News received is marked '96; therefore, it must be time to renew because even one missed printing would be a major loss! Here is \$10, and would you please add a cousin of mine to your growing list of subscribers?

"**Raymond E. Leeright** of Kimberling City, MO. (wife **Cheryl**)...is the son of my great-grandmother's brother, **Minor Leeright**, and we are both the same age. It seems incredible, but here we are. **Ray** descends, as do I, from **Emaline Kimmel**, who m.

George W. Leeright, m 2 Apr 1935 in Warren Co. (Campbell Twp), Ind.

"**Emaline's** father was **John Kimmel**, (b 1788 PA, m **Mary Ann 'Polly' Shroad/Shrode** in Logan Co KY, d 1840, Campbell Twp, IN.) Her grandfather was **J Philip Kimmel Jr** w m **Druscilla Penrod** 177?; s/o **J Philip Kimmel** m **Anna Christina Henn**; and the latter **Kimmel's** father was **Johann Philip Kimmel** m. **Anna Elizabeth Voltz** in Bavaria.

"At times I feel so lonely! Are there not any other descendants of the **Leewright/Leeright & Kimmel** marriages? You might recall, **Emaline's** sister, **Albier/Aibiah** m. **George's** brother, **John S. Leewright**.

"I was surprised last summer by receiving a telephone call from one of your subscribers **Bonnie Winters**, who lives here in San Antonio. **Bonnie** and I have known each other for years--she works in Anesthesiology at the Medical Center/VA here, as does my husband, **Jerry**, and **Bonnie** and I have been volunteers together on several projects over the years. [**Bonnie Tomlinson Winters** is a **David & Leah Kimmel** descendant, through **Mary Anne Kimmel Whitmer**.]

Peg Guinane Gehringer wrote January 27 from Omaha, NE: "...Hope your holiday time was as great as ours was. All 8 of our children and families live in Omaha and we enjoy each other company and accomplishments.

"I am requesting a subscription to **Kimmel Family News** for my cousin, **Dorothea Hornor**.... **Dorothea's** grandmother, **Floribelle Kimmel Ogden** and my grandfather, **George Morris Kimmel**, are brother and sister. We have become acquainted again thru Kimmel research. We met years ago--me as a child visiting in Iowa.... we have hopes of getting together sometime soon as she has a daughter living now in Bellevue, just outside of Omaha...."

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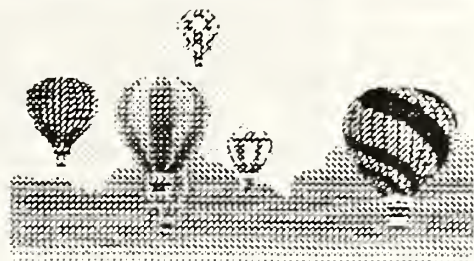
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Kimmel family news

a chronicle of Kimmel cousins

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May 1997



KIMMEL REUNION MOVES ACROSS HIGHWAY TO STEAM ENGINE PARK REUNION WILL BE JUNE 7-8 IN McLOUTH, KS

1997's Kimmel Reunion will be held at McLouth's Steam Engine Park, "three blocks west of the linker light," according to the Reunion Committee.

The Kimmel reunion is sponsored by descendants of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel. David was a descendant of Johann Philip Kimmel, but all Kimmels are welcome at the reunion.

Unless bad weather causes a change of plans, none of the reunion events will be held at the McLouth schoolhouse, which is undergoing renovations.

There will not be air conditioning, but we will have shelter for meetings, meals and displays.

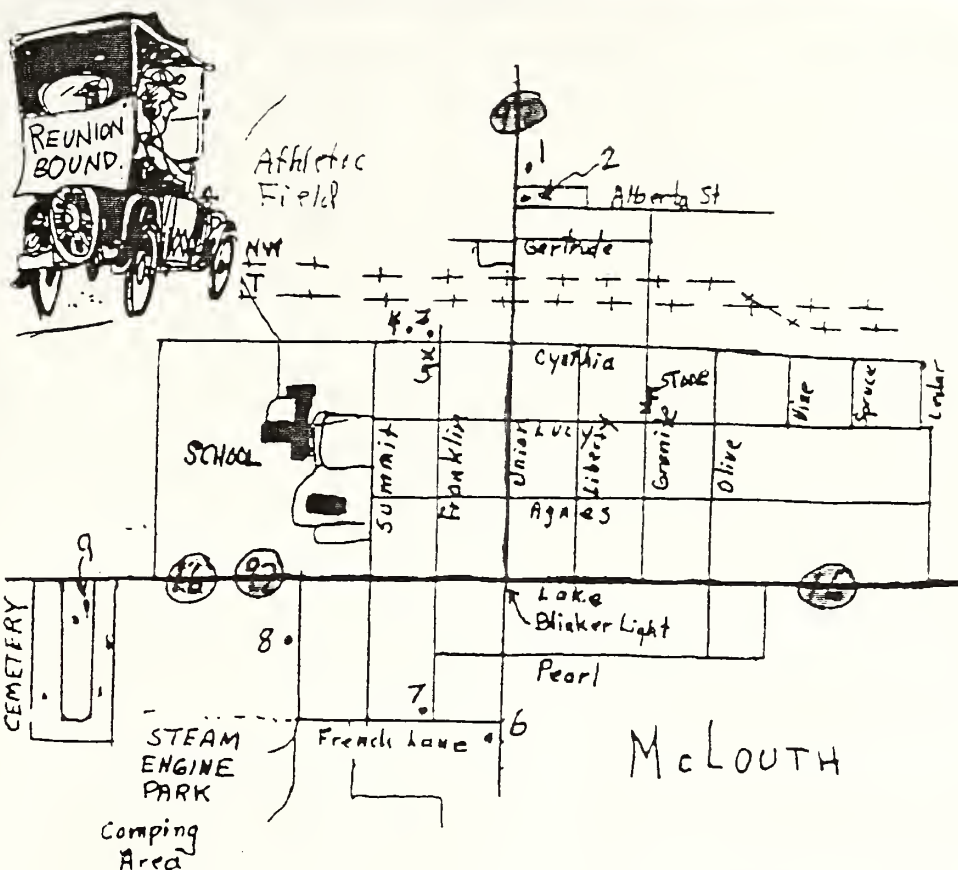
There will be plenty of space for parking and camping, according to the committee. "The campground is recommended for all who have self-contained units. If you'd just like to pitch tent for the fun of it, there will be lots of room. There are restrooms but no shower facilities."

In addition, the park offers plenty of space for recreational activities--bring along your Frisbees and softball equipment.

To help the Reunion Committee make plans for meals, folks hoping to attend are asked to call or write TODAY to Marie Kimmel Moffet at Route 1, Pawnee, KS., 66070, phone 913-876-685. The Committee needs to know how many adults and children to plan for.

While some family members are expected to arrive Friday evening, no organized activities are planned.

Saturday morning's planned activities include registration and mingling from about 9:00 till noon. "Please bring your photo displays, scrapbooks, and any other Kimmel trivia (historical or current) you'd like to share with the family," the Reunion Committee invites.



Lunch is "on your own," but Beverly Muzzy says the Town of McLouth is offering a "Barbecue Blowout" open to the public, and the local cafe should also be open for lunch.

Organized activities for Saturday afternoon include visits to local family-related "historical sites," as well as "visiting, sharing, viewing displays, etc." from 2:00 to 5:00.

Saturday supper (catered) will be at the Steam Engine Park at 5:30.

A "Family Night" talent show and sing-along is planned for 7:00 Saturday evening. Volunteers are still needed for both events. "Does anyone out there play a folk guitar?" asks the committee, which hopes to find someone to help with the sing-along.

Sunday's planned activities begin with coffee, juice and donuts at 9:00 a.m. A church and memorial service will be held at the Steam Engine Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tribute will be paid at the Memorial Service to family members who have died since the 1994 reunion.

The Reunion Committee asks that one close relative of each honoree be prepared to speak briefly about the

person at the Memorial Service. "If we know in advance" who is to be commemorated and who is participating, "it will help us plan our service," the Committee says.

Sunday's lunch will be held at 11:30 at the Steam Engine Park and will be catered by HyVee.

After lunch, a brief business meeting will begin at 1:30, and all official events for the reunion will end by 3:00 that afternoon.

This year's reunion is intended to be very informal. "Dress casually. Wear comfortable shoes," the Committee advises.

KIMMELL (DOUBLE L) FAMILY REUNION TO BE JUNE 27-29 IN OKLAHOMA

Just a few weeks after the Kimmel (single L) reunion in Kansas (sponsored by some descendants of Johann Philip), a double-L Kimmell reunion will be held in Oklahoma under the sponsorship of descendants of Johann Jacob.

The eleventh annual reunion of these Kimmells is being held Friday through Sunday, June 27-29, at Osage Camping Area #1, Kaw Lake, Ponca City, OK.

This reunion is organized by descendants of William and Mary Bower Kimmell--most of whom settled in Oklahoma and Kansas--but other Kimmels and Kimmells are invited, they tell us.

The campgrounds open around 5-6 p.m. on Friday, our information says. "There will be a cookout and homemade ice cream Friday evening," according to Beth Kimmell of Zachary, LA.

The major gatherings planned are for Saturday at lunch on June 28 and breakfast on Sunday, June 29.

Additional information concerning the Kimmell reunion is available from Glenn and Beth Kimmell at 4215 39th Street, Zachary, LA 70791, phone 504-654-9388; or Wilber Kimmell at 405-765-4262.

Tim Kimmel's Kimmel Column

KIMMEL LANDMARKS IN NORTH CENTRAL UNITED STATES

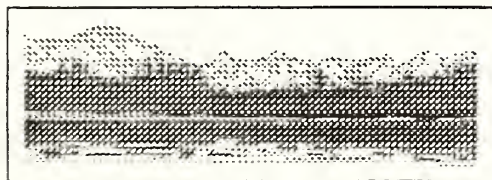
Just southwest of Davenport, IA., is **Kimmel Drive**, which runs east from Rockingham Road.

Kimmel Street in Osceola, NE., was likely named for **William F. Kimmel**, a co-founder of Osceola.

Kimmelton lies just east of I-55 exit 117 on County Road 501 at State Highway KK. **Singleton Kimmel** lived in the area in the 1840s, and one of his stores was in nearby Apple Creek.

There's **Kimmel Park** straddling Antelope Creek in Mission, SD. **Cleve Kimmel** knows of a **Kimmel's Slough** (marshland) east of Coteau, ND, on land once owned by **John Kimmel**.

Kummel Creek is in Dodge County, WI. It was named in 1976 by the USBGN, probably for the **Fred Kummel** family there.



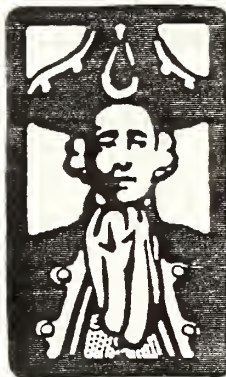
Colorado has a couple of landmarks. **Kimmel Gulch** is a valley branching off of Quartz Creek where it enters the northeast end of Pitkin. It was so named in 1967 by the US Board of Geographic Names. **Kimmel Lake** is the southernmost of a patch of lakes in Saguache County known as the Russell Lakes. It lies to the east of US 285 about 10 miles south of Saguache.

Kimmel Coulee is a two-mile long valley and dry river bed branching westward from South Fork Lodgepole Creek about 16 miles northeast of Sand Springs in Garfield County. A light-duty road running down the creek from Sand Springs crosses at the mouth of Kimmel Coulee, and a dirt crossroad runs up into the coulee and down to the ranch.

KIMMEL SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:

#2—JACOB KIMMEL OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY

There's no document yet found giving this **Jacob's** birthyear or place, or the maiden name of his wife **Anna Margarethe** (aka Hanna).



The earliest definite record on this Jacob Kimmel is a 1772 birth and baptism of his son **Christian Frederick** in Harrold's Church at the Sewickley Settlement, near what is now Greensburg, PA.

Jacob came from Hessen-Darmstadt, probably aboard the ship *Crawford* that arrived in Philadelphia from Rotterdam in 1768.

He served as a private in the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment in defense of the western frontier. His portion of the regiment was raised in 1776, fought at Brandywine and Germantown under General Wayne, and at Valley Forge under General Washington, and returned to Fort Pitt in 1778.

He was a private under Christopher Truby's Company in the Frontier Rangers from 1778 to 1783. Jacob Kimmel purchased patent land on Brush Creek in 1786. His known children were **J. Andrew, Sophia, Christian Frederick, Margaretha, George Jacob, Elisabeth, Johanna, J. Daniel**, and **John**. Jacob died in 1800. His widow applied for his pension in 1827 and reportedly lived to the age of 107.

Those able to trace their lines back to these Kimmel men living in these counties in 1900 would be descendants of Jacob Kimmel: **Andrew W., Charles, Samuel, Theodore** and **Alexander** of Indiana Co., PA; **John J.** of Mercer Co., PA; **Martin** of Noble Co., IN; **John Franklin** of Van Wert Co., OH; **William, Jacob** and **John Andrew** of Mercer Co., OH; **Josiah S.** of Marshall Co., IN; **Andrew Jaxton** of Huntington Co., IN; **Montgomery J.** of Grant Co., IN; and **Samuel** of Harper Co. KS.

NOTE: Help needed on research on Adam Kimmel, revolutionary soldier of Ephrata and Philadelphia, PA. Various sources say he served as a first lieutenant in the Pennsylvania Militia, some say 4th Battalion, others say 5th. I can't find him mentioned in either

battalion, or any evidence of his rank in any militia beyond private.

ABRAHAM (1780, SON OF JACOB KIMMEL, MARY HOFFMAN); HIS WIFE SUSANNAH'S MAIDEN NAME

Descendants of this **Abraham Kimmel** have been searching for **Susannah's** maiden name for some time. It can be found in the obituary of a son not usually known to be theirs.

Most of Abraham's children were recorded in baptism records at the Glade Reformed and Lutheran Church in Somerset County, PA. There was probably at least another son and daughter born later and reflected in census records for Wayne County, OH, where it appears they moved.

Son **Aaron** can be tracked from Wayne Co. to Huron Co., where ties to **Kinsie** can be found. **Kinsie** married there and moved to Calhoun Co., MI, where his obituary gives his parents' names: **Abram Kimmel** and **Susan Bluebaker**--the actual name is **Brubaker**.

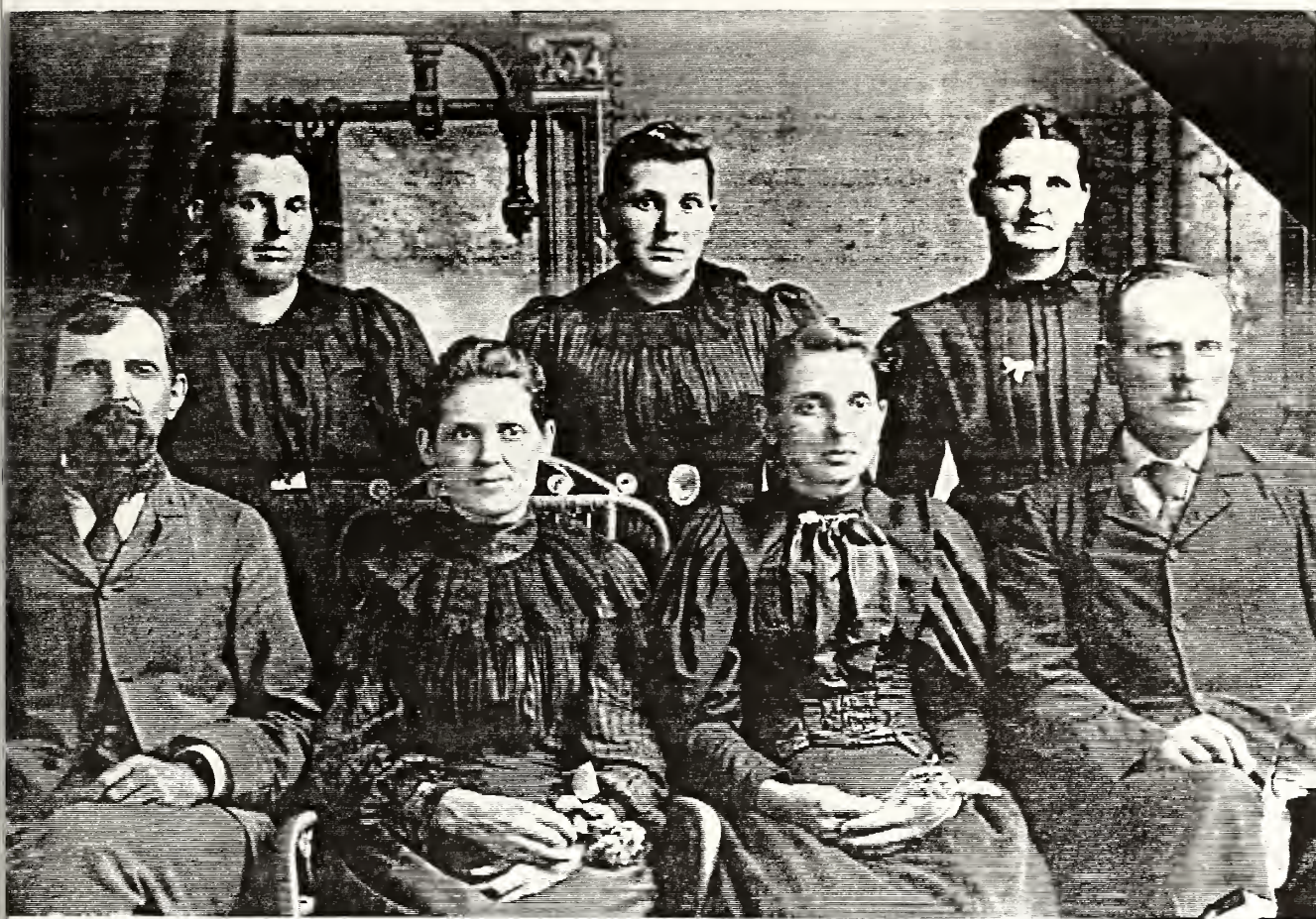
Susan Brubaker. Unfortunately, that's only useful for their children **Henry** and **Kinsie**. See the Glade Church baptism records mentioned above. Abraham is baptized but not his wife; then his children are baptized with their father but not their mother named as parents; and then **Henry** is born with **Abraham** and **Susan** reported as parents.

Sounds like a widower being baptized with his children into his new wife's church and then having a son of their own who is baptized under their names. So the following children of Abraham are still without a known mother, not even a first name: **Jacob Roderick** of Garret Co., MD; **Jonathan** of Cherokee Co., KS; **Nancy** (husband **George Webel**?) of Lagrange Co., IN; **Eliza Hughes/Lovett** of Noble Co., IN; **Hannah** (husband **Elijah Pike** of Wayne Co?); **Sarah** (husband **Peter Russell**?) and **Abraham** (wife **Catherine Pigner**?) of Wayne Co., OH.

MORE CHILDREN FOR SOLOMON

In last November's issue, I mentioned one of the children of **Joseph** (1769) and **Nancy/Anna Kimmel** of Westmoreland Co., PA--the son **Solomon** who died in Crawford Co. OH in 1828, leaving a son **Jeremiah S. Kimmel** who ended up in Richland Co., IL. Crawford county deed records show **Solomon** had five heirs.

The other four are **Joseph** who moved to Jefferson Co. (West) Virginia and whose children settled around Charlot MI; **Christopher** (probably of Hancock Co., OH); **Anthony** of St. Louis, MO; and **Henry** of Richland Co., IL. (Some researchers have guessed this Henry to have been Henry, the son of Abraham in the previous paragraph above.)



The seven children of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel: (back row) Martha Kimmel Hummer, Rose Ivy Kimmel Whitmer, Susan Kimmel Black; (front row) Henry Harrison Kimmel, Elizabeth Kimmel Bowman, Mary Kimmel Whitmer, Josiah R. Kimmel.

(who later married John Bower) won honors for her angel food cake, and Mabel Kimmel Bower (listed as Mrs. Earl Bowers) took first place for her bouquet of flowers.

Walter McPherson took honors for "Plate Grapes" and may well be the W. McPherson who took first prize for "10 ears of yellow corn."

1928 is thought to be

KIMMEL KIN'S NAMES APPEAR IN HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ARTICLE ABOUT MCLOUTH FAIRS

The names of some familiar Kimmel kinfolk were mentioned recently in an article reviewing McLouth's Harvest Home Picnic and Reunion over the years since 1882.

Yesteryears, published jointly by the Jefferson County (KS) Historical and Genealogical Societies, devoted eight pages of its October 1996 issue to what was once an annual event in McLouth, and familiar names cropped up several times.

Among the organizers of the 1882 grand harvest home picnic and reunion on Saturday, August 13, 1882," was A. J. Bowman, a member of the Finance and Fireworks Sub-Committee. He also gave one of the speeches during the afternoon. A heavy rain, it was noted in a later newspaper account, caused many of the scheduled events to be cancelled "except for the fireworks and balloon ascension."

Andrew J. Bowman had several close Kimmel ties. His wife, Sarah Elizabeth Kimmel, was a daughter of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel. His sister, Lydia Bowman, married Henry Harrison Kimmel, a son of David and Leah.

Andrew and Elizabeth's son Walter K. Bowman, born in 1884, married Twila Pauline Kimmel, herself a double Kimmel, descended on one side from

Jacob Kimmel (1757-1824) & Mary May Hoffman; and on the other side from Michael Beeghley Jr. and Susanna Kimmel (1793-1858).

Andrea's History of Kansas 1883 has a paragraph about A. J. Bowman, telling us that he was a schoolteacher from Perry County, PA., who lived briefly (1874-75?) in Ohio, before moving to Sangamon County, IL, where he taught school at Auburn from 1876-1878. (It was in Auburn that he married David and Leah's daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.)

The family then moved to Kansas, according to Andrea. "Both husband and wife are members of the German Baptist Church." At the time of the 1885 Kansas Census, Andrew was described as a 30-year-old merchant; for a time he ran a hardware business in McLouth.

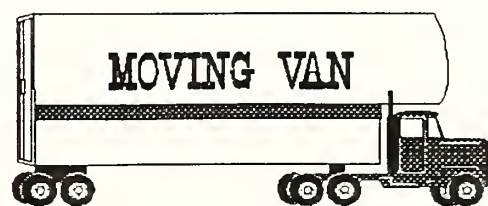
More Kimmel connections showed up in later annual picnic news reports, according to *Yesteryears*, which reviewed only a selected few of the annual picnic.

The 1922 Annual Picnic included floats, a band concert, ballgames, an exhibit of livestock and agricultural products judged by the County Agent. Among the winners with familiar names: **Claud Kimmel** was awarded the Premium for best draft mare. **D. E. Bower**, whose draft team was awarded first prize, also did particularly well in the category for "Sow Pig 8 wks to 6 mos. old," where he took both first and second prize.

More family members won premiums at the event in 1928, when **Agnes Black**

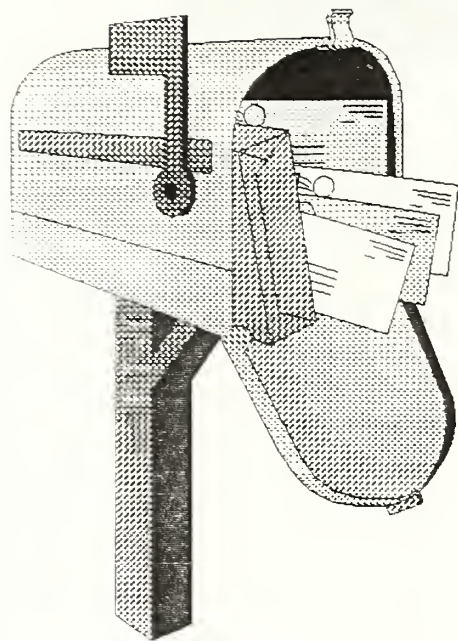
the last year for the Annual Picnic and Reunion at McLouth, perhaps because of the onset of the Depression and years of severe drought, according to *Yesteryears*, which notes:

"Only one person, **John Bower**, of McLouth, has been found who can remember the picnics. He remembers the stands along the street where people sold things, rides and side shows, and also airplane rides."



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family mailbox

Henry H Kimmel
descendants:

We have an April 21 letter from **John D. Bower** in McLouth, KS: "**Donald** sent me a copy of a letter he sent to the *Wichita Eagle* in which, after agreeing with them on their belated stand against tobacco, he asked quite effectively why they did not stand against the real damaging drug: alcohol.

"Having just come back from a meeting of the state WCTU, I could not agree more. As the Bible says, we 'strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.'"

"I have a new computer (Windows 3.1). When I get the modem connected, I should be able to use E mail or fax, if I am smart enough to use it."

reunion will be here before we are ready.... We know of several who are planning to come. Even **Miriam Kruse**. As you may know, some of the grandkids are to be married about that time, back in Indiana or Michigan, but **Miriam** says she is flying back to get here for the reunion. We know some of the **Whitmairs** are coming, and **Pauline Duke** said they were. **Kenneth & Lola Kimmel** are planning to stay with us, so we won't be alone...."

From **Miriam Kimmel Kruse** of Little River, KS., we have a nice fat letter:



"We bring you Season's Greetings! No, not of the Yuletide, but of Spring, with all its glorious rebirth--gentle rains, green tips poking

thru the earth, wheat fields greening up, birds returning from the south to stop by our feeders as they journey the long trip northward.



"But most of all we celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As the Easter season approaches, the palms on the altar on Palm Sunday, the cross draped in black on Good Friday eve, and the church decorated with lilies on Easter morn signify to us Christ's death, burial and resurrection. PRAISE GOD.

"The **Kruse Family** Christmas Letter didn't develop in time this year to send greetings. So we thought it might be appropriate to wait a few days and include a new family picture. The pictures were soon developed and printed, but the letter didn't materialize, so here we are sending you greetings of spring and including with it the picture taken the day before Christmas 1996.

"The kids have grown up. Some of them have married. The rest of us have AGED so I thought it best to identify each one. Here I go with a bit of news about each one of our brood of 21 Kruses [beginning front row, left to right]:

Adam Kruse (Tom's oldest) is a freshman at K.U. He lives in Pearson Scholarship Hall and is loving college. Think he kinda likes his independence, but goes home frequently for a break.

"**Sara Kruse** (Steve's), one of our beautiful granddaughters is a freshman at Kansas State. She loves her life at the Kappa Kappa Gamma House.

"**Annie Kruse** (Dick's) is our youngest. Annie is a fourth grader and loves her horse and other pets. She loves riding school, where she learns to jump and various types of riding.

"**Jason Kruse** (Tom's) is a junior in Maize H.S. near Wichita. He loves math and science. Anything about computers intrigues him. Debate also interests him. He thinks he'd like to attend an Ivy

League school--whoa, dad's pocketbook!

"**Anne Kruse Hayes**--with empty nest facing her, she has taken up photography seriously. The enclosed picture is a result of her skills. Of course, she is still **Byron's** R.H. 'man' with the farming.

"**Dick Kruse**-- while traveling back and forth between the farm and his home in Indianapolis, he puts many miles on his pickup, so he comes out with a new one frequently. He's very proud of his children and works hard to keep up with their activities.

"**Granddad' Vernon Kruse** is retired and enjoys not doing much but 'cruise' the country in his pickup. **ARTHURitis** is his constant companion, so he spends a lot of time in his comfy Lazy-Boy.

"**Grandma' Miriam Kimmel Kruse** is seeing a 'whole new world' since cataract surgery in early February. She had forgotten how beautiful color could be and can even see the shingles on the neighbor's roof! Healthwise? GREAT!

"**Lenna Kay Kruse** (Tom's wife), busy with Tom, running to KU for special occasions, and still running after Jason.

Debi Kruse (Steve's wife). Coping well enough with Empty Nest. She is a teaching assistant in the speech and dramatics department in Lyons High School. She is currently directing the spring play at LHS.

Byron Hayes (Anne's husband) keeps Anne in line most of the time. His latest hobby is attending gun shows and collecting a new one now and then. Hi cow herd and farming keep him out of trouble.

Katie Kruse (Dick's wife) is finding herself pretty well occupied this past

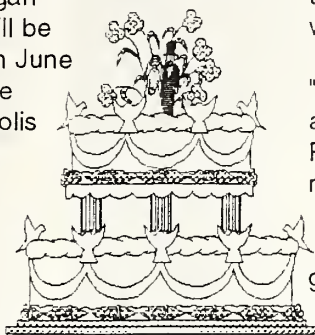
year with supervising the building of their new house. It's turned out to be quite a project but fun, Katie?

"Kasey Kruse (Dick's)--another Kruse beauty--tall and slim. As a freshman in HS she has discovered the fun of being a pretty competent BB player. Sure suits her dad!

Matthew Lacy (Dick & Katie's). a senior at Western Michigan University. He will be marrying **Amie** on June 7th. We will all be going to Indianapolis to the wedding.

Amie Fonner (Matthew's fiancée) is from Kalamazoo. She has a small son,

Tracy, so on June 7th we will become great grandparents. FUN!



"Tom Kruse--Still in Wichita with the Farm Credit Bank. He has had a bit of a struggle adjusting to his son's going to KU, but believe with the successes of the KU BB team, he is beginning to admit the Jayhawks aren't so bad after all. Must have been pretty tough, though, last week when KU beat the Wildcats! Right, Tom?

Steve Kruse--Between keeping up with the kids and the wife, Steve puts many miles on his vehicles. Steve is always in a good mood, even when the pressures get heavy.

"Jeff Hayes (Anne's)--(Grandma thinks he should have shaved before the picture.) Works with pre-school and lower grade children as a school psychologist. Jeff is another one of those happy-go-lucky Kruse grandchildren. His passion, other than his wife, is golf.

"Cathy Hayes (Jeff's wife)-- Teaches 1 & 2 grade learning disabilities children in the Salina schools. She works hard at helping each child succeed.

"Shari Hayes Wiens (Anne's)--Is employed by Lyons State Bank, but would rather be a full-time homemaker. Right now her first interest is in gardening--vegetables and flowers. Her crops are abundant and beautiful.

"James Wiens (Shari's husband) teaches math in McPherson Middle School. He likes his job there and enjoys being assistant football and basketball coach. In the summer he helps Byron farm.

Benjy Kruse (Steve's) graduated from KSU in December in the field of marketing. He is now enrolled in graduate school and will transfer to KU next fall to finish his Master's. He is in the K-Stante Singers, a singing and dancing group, for the third year, and

will miss it when he transfers to KU.

"This introduces you to our family. We hope you enjoyed meeting each one of them again, and to those of you who wondered where our yearly Christmas Greeting went to, we hope this will assure you we are alive and well and would love a visit if you are ever this way. Our front door is still open to our bed and breakfast, and every now and then some one of you has come our way. We LOVE it.

"Jan, it was a real pleasure to meet you again, last summer at the Bower Reunion. Sure am glad Gordon invited me over.

"I am very upset to realize our grandson's wedding in Indianapolis is the same week end as the Kimmel Reunion. Of course, all our family will be in Indy! Can't be 2 places at once...

A MARCH 15, 1997, NOTE FROM **JUDY R. KIMMEL** OF TOPEKA, KS: "ENCLOSED IS \$5 TO RENEW MY SUBSCRIPTION TO KIMMEL FAMILY NEWS. GOOD NEWSLETTER!

"I'M THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF **RAY & MAY KIMMEL** AND GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF **HENRY & LYDIA**. MY PARENTS **ROBERT & BETTY KIMMEL** WILL BE IN TOPEKA TO ATTEND DAD'S 60TH HS CLASS REUNION AT MCLOUTH IN MAY.

"I WORK AT STORMONT-VAIL HEALTH CARE ON A MENNINGER STORMONT PSYCHIATRIC UNIT FOR SENIORS AS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST. JANICE, YOUR HARD WORK ON THE NEWSLETTER IS APPRECIATED."



Louis Kimmel of Fox OK wrote March 17: "We especially enjoyed the February issue. I can recall many happy times at **Uncle Click's** and **Aunt Anna's**. **Henry** and I played in the hay, wheat and corn bins. There was always plenty of good cooking and loving care. Good people like them did much to shape our young lives. Thanks.

"I am sending \$5 for my dues and \$5 for **Paula Clark** of Fairfield, TX (my daughter)."

GARLAND & NAOMI KIMMEL OF HENRYETTA, OK., WROTE APRIL 23:

"I DON'T EXPECT TO BE AT THE REUNION THIS TIME. OLD AGE AND POOR HEALTH HAVE INTERFERED.

IF YOU WILL, I WILL GIVE YOU SOMETHING FROM GRANDMA KIMMEL TO TELL THE GATHERING. GRANDPA KIMMEL AND JIM ANDERSON WERE ORDERING SOME SYRUP FROM THE SEARS CATALOG. JIM ANDERSON WAS LOOKING IN THE INDEX. AFTER SOME SEARCHING HE SAID, "HOW DO YOU SPELL IT, S-U-R-P?" AND GRANDPA SAID, "WHY, OF COURSE."

I HAVE ENJOYED ALL THE PAST REUNIONS VERY MUCH, BUT WE AREN'T UP TO THE TRIP. TELL THEM ALL THAT WE LOVE THEM."

Virginia Bower Mason of Stone Mountain, GA, flew to Dallas/Ft. Worth

Courtney Mason, great-great-great-great granddaughter of Henry Harrison Kimmel



early in May for a quick visit with **David, Gail & Courtney Mason**. David's family recently moved from Atlanta to Flower Mound, TX, where they're just settling into their new home.

Then **Virginia** flew on up to Wichita for a visit with dad **Donald Bower**. Little sis **Janice Bower Tompkins** drove over from Missouri to visit at the same time, so **Don** had plenty of company.

The Bower womenfolk in Wichita indulged in their usual paperback book exchange, and most of the clan took in parts of Wichita's River Festival.

Virginia passed along photos of all her grandchildren: one-year-old **Courtney Mason**, daughter of **David & Gail Mason**; and **Jessica**, 8, **Tiffany**, 10, and **Aaron**, 6, the children of **Randy & Diane Mason** of Plainfield, IL.

Grandma **Jan Tompkins**, wants everybody to know that both of her grandchildren are on the A Honor Roll again out in Columbia, MO.--**Cassie** in the Sixth Grade at Smithton Middle School, and **Shaun**, a sophomore at Hickman High School.

Shaun turns 16 on June 3 and will, of course, promptly apply for his driver's license. He's been chauffeuring his parents around for the past several months, getting ready. (He also got in a little time driving the family's new Bobcat on the pushout for a slab house.)

Cassie was one of the singers and dancers in all four performances of Columbia Entertainment Company's recent production of "100 Years of Broadway." Mom **Deanna Tompkins**

the NSDAR through Adam Kimmel.

There is a pamphlet put out by the Cocalico Historical Society (Ephrata, PA) detailing the family of Jacob Kimmel of the Ephrata Cloister. The pamphlet tells of Jacob's connection to Ephrata and the service of Adam (the eldest son), his death at the Cloisters, and his will.

I purchased my copy last spring when I went to Ephrata with my family. I would encourage the Association to get material from Ephrata because it gives wonderful background on the entire family and some understanding of what life was like in the 1700s.

Adam's son, Joseph, is my ancestor. He had a son named Adam who went to Stark County, OH, in 1816 and established his business there. Sometime after this, Joseph and the rest of the family migrated to Canton.

Some of the grandchildren migrated to Albion, IN. Adam also went to Albion in the early 1850s with his youngest son, William F. Kimmell. Adam served in the War of 1812, and his grave in the Albion Cemetery was remonumented by the Veterans Dept in 1995. Adam is the only soldier of 1812 buried in this cemetery.

My grandfather, William, served in the 8th Ohio Company C Volunteer Infantry. After his military service he returned to Albion, married Leah Crispell, and several children later moved to Nebraska, where he founded the town of Osceola with Albinus Nance and John Mickey.

He then became the first post trader at Ft. Robinson, NE., then moved to Pitkin, Gunnison Co, CO. My father, Anthony C. Kimmell, was born there. Leah died six weeks after my father's birth, so W. F. took his remaining sons to Albion, where they lived until adulthood. W. F. died in Chattanooga, TN, and is buried in the national cemetery there, where he was assistant superintendent.

My father came to Denver in 1920 with his wife and young son, Arnold. I came along in 1926 and have been in the area ever since.

I have just recently attended the Colorado State Society NSDAR annual meeting. One of the state regent's projects during her term of office was to update the member names. In reading of it, I noticed two Kimmel names. Both of these ladies live in the LaJunta/Rocky Ford area and belong to the Ft. William Bent Chapter. In my haste to get to another meeting on time, I did not write the names down, since I intended to go back and check the book. But when I did return, the book was gone. However, I think these persons claimed descent through Michael..."



The John Kimmel family of Pratt, KS, with York Co., PA connections. Cousin Phyllis Ort would like more information about them.

FROM WILBUR S. SECHRIST OF 7 SOUTH ROAD, MECHANICSBURG, PA., WE HAVE AN APRIL 9 NOTE: "I AM A DESCENDANT OF ANTHONY KIMMEL (B 4/12/1769) OF THE BRUNSWICK AND GREENWICH TWPS FAMILY OF BERKS COUNTY.

"WOULD YOU CONSIDER MY REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR ORGANIZATION? I WOULD LIKE TO VERIFY MY ANTHONY'S DESCENDANCY FROM THE IMMIGRANT JOHANN JACOB KIMMEL (SHIP BROTHERS AUG 24, 1750) AND FIND HIS FAMILY IN EUROPE.

ANTHONY KIMMEL (YEOMAN) FROM BRUNSWICK TWP, BERKS CO., PA., BOUGHT LAND 14 APRIL 1794 IN TYRON TWP, CUMB CO (NOW PERRY CO) AND LATER FROM CARROLL & RYE TWPS PERRY CO. HE IS BURIED IN 'THE OLD DUTCH CEMETERY', CARROLL TWP, PERRY CO. HIS FAMILY IS RELATED TO THE FLEISHERS AND SUSSAMAN-HOUSERS OF BERKS CO. & THE SECHRISTS. HENRY SECHRIST B 1805 REMAINS A MYSTERY MAN..."

Phyllis Ort wrote from York, PA. on March 23: "My maiden name was Kimmel. At the turn of the century, my dad, Thomas Clinton Kimmel, went west with his brother John. My dad went as far as Cheyenne, WY; but brother John stayed in Pratt, KS.

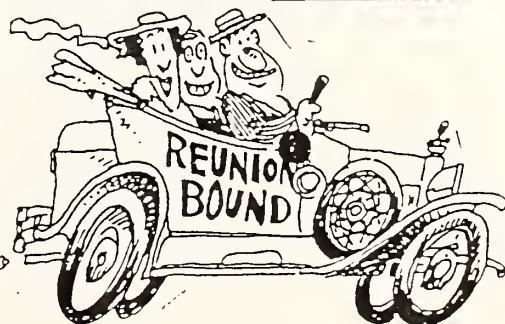
"The late '30s or early '40s, two other brothers Pete & Jerry, made a trip to visit John. They came back with this picture of John and his family. I do not know any names.

"I always wondered about my cousins in Kansas but never had any addresses. Well!! I am the morning receptionist at the Historical Society, and last week when we received the Kimmel Family News, I was elated. According to the size of your newsletter, you have a great attendance at this reunion. Are any of your attendees descendants of this John Kimmel? My grandparents died before I was born, but I think their names were Cornelius & Katie."

Phyllis also included a small picture of her own family: "The small picture is my sister--born 1904 and still living, tho she is bedfast. My older brother was born 1917 and still enjoys good health. My younger brother, born 1920, died 1972. I was born 1923. Needless to say, my sister's children (she had 11) were more like brothers and sisters to me than she was."

Phyllis's parents, she tells us, "were married 1903, worked hard on a big farm all their lives.... Mother died Jan. '58 and Daddy died July '64."

Some York County, PA, Kimmels: Monzell, Spurgeon, Thomas Clinton Jr., and Phyllis



an old-fashioned reunion

sponsored by the descendants of David & Leah Riegel Kimmel

June 7 & 8, 1997, McLouth, KS

new location: McLouth Steam Engine Park,

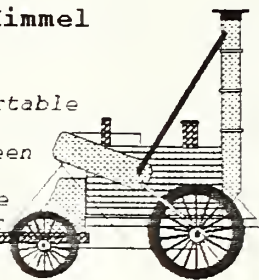
3 blocks west of blinker light. Dress casually. Wear comfortable

shoes. Much of our time will be spent outdoors. We'll have shelter for meetings, meals and displays, but the distance between these buildings is grass, gravel or dirt (hopefully not mud!).

There will not be air conditioning. Bring a light jacket in case

the evenings should be cool. (Only in case of inclement weather

will we meet at the McLouth School. Everything there is being renovated!)



There will be plenty of space for parking, **camping**, Frisbees, **softball**, fun for everyone! No fishin' hole, but room to do lots of things together and really get acquainted. More fun for the kids and young-at-heart! Your entertainment ideas are encouraged!

The campground is recommended for all who have self-contained units. If you'd just like to pitch a tent for the fun of it, there will be lots of room. There are restrooms, but no shower facilities.

The Saturday evening and Sunday noon meals will be catered. Prices are not firm yet--will not be more than originally stated, hopefully less. We do need a headcount for meals, so please send in the forms so we can make arrangements with the caterer.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, STEAM ENGINE PARK

9:00	registration and mingling
12:00	lunch (not provided). Town's Barbecue Blowout or local cafe available.
2:00-5:00	historical sites tour, visiting, sharing, viewing displays, etc.
5:30	Supper
7:00	Family night - talent show, singalong (volunteers wanted)

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, STEAM ENGINE PARK

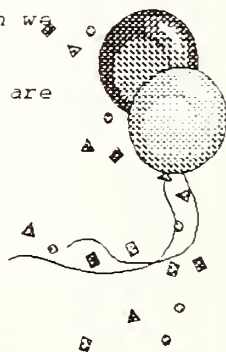
8:00	registration, coffee, donuts, juice
10:00	church and memorial service
11:30	lunch
1:30	on time - meeting
3:00	adjourn

For our **memorial service** on Sunday morning, we ask that a **close relative** present a tribute to the departed. If we know in advance who has passed away since our reunion in '94, it will help us plan our service.

Anyone out there play a **folk guitar**? For our singalong on Saturday night, we'd enjoy and appreciate your participation! We're certain there are lots of talented Kimmels and hope you'll entertain us at the Talent Show on Saturday evening! If you plan to perform in the **talent show** or help out with the singalong, we'd appreciate knowing in advance. Please bring your **photo displays**, **scrapbooks**, and any other "**Kimmel trivia**" (historical or current) you'd like to share with the family.

Please **call** or send a postcard or your reservation slip to **Marie Moffet** (Route 1 Ozawie KS 66070, phone 913-876-2685) and let her know how many adults and children we can expect.

KIMMELS are known to be a faithful breed and know that prayer certainly works. We are praying for beautiful weather and ask that everyone help us! Thank you!



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Kimmel family news

Descendants of David & Leah Riegel Kimmel

August 1997



1997 KIMMEL REUNION DEEMED FUN AND SUCCESSFUL

More than 90 people attended the 1997 Kimmel reunion held at McLouth, KS, in June.

Our prayers were certainly answered, and the weather was absolutely perfect," says Beverly Sanders Muzzy, one of the organizers of the event. "We are all very thankful!"

The reunion, held at McLouth's Sam Engine Park, was chaired by Marie Kimmel Moffet.

Normal entertainment throughout the reunion was provided by Bill and Mildred Kimmel's "bicycle built for two"--two bicycles uniquely attached side by side which were ridden by the young and young-at-heart Kimmels present.

Saturday night's program featured Jim Peters on harmonica, playing a beautiful and impressive medley of familiar tunes and hymns. Judy Miller and Patty Kimmel presented a skit called "Forty Line." Bill Kimmel led the group in a singalong, with Winifred Turner as pianist.

Recognitions at the reunion included:

Oldest Kimmel descendant in attendance -Don Bower of Wichita, who announced that he hoped to be the guest at the next reunion, too.



Mildred and Bill Kimmel demonstrate their "retirement special" tandem bicycles, which provided entertainment for all ages at the 1997 Kimmel reunion in June. Next Kimmel reunion is to be at Lawrence, KS, in the year 2000.

Youngest Kimmel in attendance: James Taylor of Ozawkie.

Oldest heirloom: Beverly Muzzy's antique high chair.

Longest married: Vernon and Miriam Kruse.

Most recently married: Bill and Kathleen Argersinger, married the previous Wednesday.

Folks trying to figure out who had traveled the farthest to the reunion struggled with deciding between the folks who came from Leesburg, FL (Vic and Joey Kimmel) and those who came from Seattle, WA (Ken and Lola Kimmel). Lots of head scratching and wishing for a map on that one....

Sunday morning's church service was led by John Bower. A memorial service was included, honoring David Hummer, Betty Keith, Donald McGregor, Pearl Hummer, and Don Whitmer, family members who have died since the 1994 reunion.

Marie Moffet operated the sound system and accompanied group singing. Bill Kimmel led the congregation in singing "Faith of Our Fathers." Cousins John Bower, Miriam Kruse, Bill Kimmel and Betty Ann Sampson sang as the closing hymn "Nearer Home," which they recalled as one frequently sung by Henry and Lydia Kimmel years ago.

A dedicated band of Kimmel

This genealogy stuff is serious business! Vic Kimmel (FL), John J. Kimmel (KS), Joey Kimmel (FL) and Lola Kimmel (WA) share research.



genealogists spent hours comparing notes, swapping sources, and studying family records.

Displays featured lots of family treasures, including a wedding-gift quilt, a very old high chair, and "precious memories in scrapbooks and photo albums."

"Several family members contributed their 'Uncle Louie' woodcrafts," says Bev, "from cradles and pencil boxes to a small wardrobe cabinet and a pegboard game. Unfortunately, none of Louie & Maggie's family was in attendance."

But a goodly number of Kimmel kin were present:



Dick & Ruth Kimmel's family "minus Debby & her family" 1997 reunion. Front group: Ruth Kimmel, Courtney Peters, Hanna Arvidson, Linda Peters, Eric Arvidson. Top left: Jim Peters, Barbara & David Kimmel. Back right: Megan Peters, Scott & Janet Ryan Arvidson, Dick Kimmel.

Representing Josiah R. and Margaret Edmonds Kimmel's descendants were John and Mary Lacy Kimmel Bower of McLouth (also listed under Henry Kimmel's kin); Bob Kimmel of Kansas City; Patty Kimmel of Topeka; Judy Kimmel Miller, Sam and Amanda of Oskaloosa; Ken & Lola Kimmel of Federal Way, WA; Bob & Winifred Kimmel Turner of Tonganoxie; John &

Back row: Bill (Wilmer) Kimmel, Winifred Turner, Bob Turner, Don Kimmel. front: Betty Kimmel.



Karen Turner Pence of Manhattan, KS.; Sandra Turner and Bob Turner of Topeka; Marlin & Irene McPherson of Oskaloosa; Bill & Kathleen Argersinger of Lawrence; Leland McPherson of McLouth; Don & Betty Kimmel of Placentia, CA; Bill (Wilmer) Kimmel of Hutchinson, KS.

Henry H. and Lydia Bowman Kimmel's representation at the reunion included: John & Zelma Sanders of McLouth; Beverly Sanders Muzzy of Tonganoxie; Ronda Sanders MowBray of Kansas City; Lois Sanders Uihlein of Lawrence; Jim & Glenna Sanders Kaup, Hannah & Molly, all of Topeka; John & Mary Lacy Kimmel Bower of McLouth; Miriam Kruse of Little River, KS; Willard & Betty Ann Kimmel Sampson of Sterling, KS; Bill & Mildred Kimmel of Ozawkie; Judy R. Kimmel of Topeka; Charles & Marie Kimmel Moffet, Archie, Matthew & Charlie, all of Ozawkie; Andy & Rachel Moffet Taylor and James, from Ozawkie; Gordon & Betty Bower of Lawrence; Dick & Ruth Kimmel of Gladstone, MO; Jim & Linda Kimmel Peters, Courtney & Megan, of Olathe, KS; Scott & Janet Kimmel Arvidson, Ryan, Eric &

Hanna of Gladstone, MO; David & Barbara Kimmel of Kansas City, MO; Jim, Mary and Ellen Kimmel of McLouth; Donald Bower, Frederick Bower, Marilyn Griffin Bower,, Glenn Bower, Tina Kiniston and Caeleigh Harris, all of Wichita; Kenneth & Janice Bower Tompkins of Columbia, MO.

Members of Andrew and Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer's family present included Marge Whitmer of Modesto, CA; Lee and Sue Whitmer of Modesto, CA; Charlotte Whitmer Davidson of Roseville, CA.

Clem and Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants included Marvin & Marilyn Troutt of Auburn, KS; Ray and Evelyn Troutt of Helena, OK, Tim Coughenour of Lawrence, Dean and Verlla Hummer Coughenour of Manhattan, KS; Lloyd and Marleane Hummer of Wichita, KS.

New branches of Kimmels at the reunion included Hobart



Ray, Evelyn, Marilyn and Marvin Troutt at the 1997 Kimmel reunion.

and Frances Kimmel of Ohio, Victor and Joey Kimmel of Florida, Ron and Maxine Kimmel of Montana, John J. Kimmel of Wichita, and Charles and Barbara Beeghley, Hannah, Bethany, Shannon, Esther and Rebekah, all of Baldwin City, KS.

Also attending were friends of the family Forast and Thelma Hehn of Lawrence and Gladys Sanders of Leavenworth.

At the business meeting following Sunday's service, John Bower agreed to remain treasurer. Jan Tompkins will continue as newsletter editor. Beverly Muzzy continues as secretary.

Beverly's report says "Treasurer John Bower reported we are in the black, thanks to donations, Kimmel Newsletter subscriptions, and money received for the meals. We agreed to donate \$50 to the Steam Engine Association for the use of their buildings, the restrooms, and all the courteous assistance they provided.

"Also, a \$50 donation to the McLouth Kiwanis Club for the use of their shelter and tables, kitchen, and all the facilities, their generosity regarding setting up their speaker system, mowing the entire grounds just for us, and providing whatever we need, sometimes before it occurred to us to ask for it.

"Thanks to John Bower's connections to both associations, this was a success," says Bev. "It was a wonderful chance to renew old acquaintances and make new ones."

She adds: "We need to thank so many of you who worked *continuously!* A special "THANK YOU!!" to Mildred Kimmel, who quietly labored before, during and after the reunion, cleaning, preparing the drinks, arranging floral displays, and anything else that needed to be done. We certainly appreciate all she did for each of us who attended!

"To all who helped tear down and put away, we want you to know how much it meant to have your help. You saved us several hours of work."



Far left: Sue, Marge and Lee Whitmer, Charlotte Whitmer Davidson, all from California, at 1997 reunion. Below: Willard and Betty Kimmel Sampson. Above: Don Bower (oldest Kimmel at 1997 reunion), Janice Bower Tompkins, Fred Bower, Marilyn Griffin Bower with Caeleigh, and Ken Tompkins



The next Kimmel reunion will be held in July, 2000, either the first or second week end and will NOT be at McLouth. It will be held at a motel in nearby Lawrence, so weather will not be a concern.

down on their expenses.

"Not only will we have shelter and air conditioning, we'll also have access to a nice swimming pool and other amenities. Let's try it!"

**Next Kimmel reunion:
July 2000
Lawrence, KS**

Gordon Bower of Lawrence will chair the committee, assisted by his wife, Betty, Beverly Muzzy, Marie Moffet, Judy Miller, Winifred Turner, Lois Uihlein, and "all relatives who can help make this next

reunion successful."

"Commitments of attendance will be necessary," Bev reminds us, as we will be required to sign a contract with the establishment concerning meals, rooms, etc."

She adds: "This should be a nice change for everyone--less preparation regarding cleaning, setting up and tearing down, more time for getting reacquainted and meeting new relatives. Less time spent in the kitchen."

Cost, she says, will probably not be an issue. "For those who've traveled from outside the area and are staying in motels anyway, this will cut

Tim Kimmel's Kimmel Column

KIMMEL LANDMARKS WEST OF THE ROCKIES

Kimmel Lane runs north off Pittsburg Road west of St. Helens, Oregon.

Kimmel Avenue runs south off Murray Road in McKinleyville, CA., just east of State Road 101 interchange. **Kimmel Drive** runs north off Elkhorn Boulevard in North Highlands, a suburb on the north side of Sacramento. And **Kimmel Street** runs the two-block distance from Closter Park and Sanborn School in eastern Salinas, CA.

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Above, Gordon & Betty Bower. He will chair next reunion. Below, Pat Kimmel, Sam Miller, Judy K. Miller, Bob Kimmel



The whole Turner family: John & Karen Turner Pence, Bob & Winifred Kimmel Turner, Bobby Turner, Sandra Turner





In Oregon, **Kimmel Park** is along the south side of the North Santiam River in the east end of Mill City, OR. This was named for Mayor **Jesse "Doc" Kimmel**, town mayor of the 1950s and '60s.

Also in Oregon is a location called **Kimmell**. No dwellings, just a spot along a road and railroad running along the east side of the Wallowa River a couple of miles south of where the river empties into the Grande Ronde River.

In Idaho is **Kimmel Creek**. Good luck finding it, though--no road leads to it. This stream empties from the west into the Middle Fork Salmon River, 20 miles south of the Salmon River and a mile south of Big Creek. The only access to the stream is via the Middle Fork Trail that runs along the east side of Middle Fork Salmon River.

Kimmel Canyon branches off St. John's Canyon south of Hemet, CA, and 3.5 miles north of Sage. Housing additions have grown at the top of the canyon and along R3 at the bottom.

The **Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center** is in San Diego. Like the **Kimmel Cancer Center** in Philadelphia, it was named in honor of philanthropist **Sydney Kimmel** of Philadelphia, who contributed a huge amount of money to its cause.

Recently **Eleanor Roubique** wrote of a **Kimmell** location in Colorado at the Four Corners, where that state joins Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. She says her cousin **Everett Kimmell** was the surveyor who established the boundaries and set the marker which was remonumented in 1993.

KIMMEL SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION #3 AND #4: JOSEPH AND JOHN KIMMEL OF CHARLESTON, SC

Joseph and **Mary Agnes Kimmel**, with son **John**, came to Charleston SC, from Germany shortly before his petition for 250 acres of land was granted in 1764. Three children were born and baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Charleston in the 1760s.

Joseph bought a lot on Archdale Square and was a baker. He is recorded among the German Fusiliers of

Charleston Militia during 1775 and had attained the position of lieutenant by the time he was killed during the siege of Savannah, GA., on October 9, 1779.

John Kimmel was also in the German Fusiliers of Charleston Militia and was present at the Fall of Charleston in 1780. John married **Rachel Long** in 1781. He was a soldier living in Charleston until at least 1790.

This Kimmel lineage is lost, but descendants appear to have moved inland, probably first to Sumter District where a (grandson?) **Johnathon Kimmel** appeared in the 1830 census.

KIMMEL CHURCH FATHERS

*Kimmels at
Ephrata, PA:*
Baptized in the
German
Reformed
Church, **Jacob**

Kimmel (1705-1784) was one of the leaders of the "Gimbsheim Awakening," a religious movement in the Palatine region of Germany.

He came to Ephrata, PA. from Germany in the fall of 1751 and became a part of the **Society of Seventh Day Baptists cloister** there. The next spring he led the married couples west to establish a settlement in the Bermudian area of Lancaster County.

After his wife's death he returned to the cloister at Ephrata to live out his life there. His son **Jacob** lived there, and that son's son **Jacob** served as trustee to the Society.

The cloister served as a hospital for Revolutionists wounded in the war and provided supplies for the troops under the Continental Congress. **Jacob's** son **Adam** served as supplier to the Congress.

*Kimmels at Orwigsburg, PA, (and
Indiana):* After arriving in the area about 1780, **Jacob Kimmel** (? -1793) became active at the **Zion "Red" Church** near what is now Orwigsburg in Schuylkill County, PA.

His son **George Jacob** served as trustee for the church until his death and was trustee for the rebuilding of the church in 1803. **George Jacob's** son **George** broke from the church about 1844 and established a Winebrennerian church, now called the **Kimmel Church of God**.

Across the county, on the north side, **George's** brother **John** donated land and helped build an Evangelical Lutheran congregation still known today as **St. John's Kimmel Church**.

Another son of **Jacob's**, **Jacob Jr.**, moved to west of Hagerstown, IN. There he donated land for a church and

burying ground and built a meeting house which became **St. Jacob's Lutheran Church**.

When the congregation outgrew the building, his son **Joseph** built another on his land north of Millville which took on the same name.

Continuing the tradition, **Jacob Jr.'s** daughter **Catherine**, with her husband **John Lengel**, donated land near Huntington, IN., for a burying ground and church, which became the **Greenwood Methodist Church**.

Kimmels at Somerset County, PA:
Kimmels were part of the Brethren here from the beginning. **Philip Kimmel** [online!] (1724-1796) was one of the "original seventeen members" in 1762 and was elected Elder in 1764.

The home of **Johnathan J. Kimmel** (1839-1928) served as a meetinghouse until the **Kimmel Church**, a Brethren congregation, was built on his farm. He served as a deacon for the church.

Johnathan's brother **Josiah** was also a deacon in the church and minister in the Berlin Church. The **Kimmel Church** was physically moved to land owned by **Johnathon's** son **Jacob Glessner Kimmel** in 1881. It was then called the **Downey Church**, named for the town platted there on **Jacob's** land.

LINEAGE FOUND

Kimmels who can trace their lines to **Iron County, MO**--particularly to **Samuel**--can find their ancestors in southern Indiana and Kentucky.

Samuel's father, **Martin Kimmel**, was born in Kentucky, probably in Logan County, and moved to Dubois County, IN., with his parents, **Philip & Rebecca (Bond?/Beard?) Kimmel** sometime before 1819. **Martin** moved to Missouri in the 1840s, settling in Logan Township, Wayne County.

Philip was the fourth in a line of **Philip Kimmels** going back to **Johann Philip Kimmel**, who arrived in America in 1755 and settled near Bermudian, PA.

RIEGL GENEALOGY BOOK NEWLY AVAILABLE

Riegell to Riggle, a Genealogy has recently received highly favorable reviews in two genealogical publications and it has **Leah Riegel Kimmel's** family in it. Both *The Palatine Immigrant* and *Everton Publishers' The Genealogical Helper* have said nice things about this book, so **Jan Tompkins** wrote to **James E. Reigle**, one of the authors, to find out more and sent along a little information about **Leah** and her descendants.

"Thanks so much for the letter and all the information you sent on **Leah Riegel Kimmel**," **Jim Reigle** responded. "**Leah** is in our book with her husband **David**



Riegell to Riggle book, which costs \$39.50 per copy. Shipping and handling is \$4.00 for the first book, plus \$2.00 for each additional copy.

Jim Reigle's mailing address is 433 S. Grand Street, Lewistown, PA 17044. (Telephone 717-242-0786.)

"I have also enclosed a copy of Daniel P. Reigle's military career. He is featured on page 229 of the book and was a recipient of the Medal of Honor during the Civil War. He was a sixth cousin of Leah Riegel's..."

PHOTOS OF KIMMEL HOMESTEADS SOUGHT FOR NEWSLETTER

Pictured below is a house described in *Brethren Encyclopedia* as "Kimmel farmhouse in Pennsylvania ca. 1900. Doris Lambert Collection. Do any of our readers recognize this house? Can you tell us where it is located and what Kimmel family was connected with it? Does this house still exist?

Old houses and farms with Kimmel connections are disappearing every year. If you know where any old Kimmel homes are, we would appreciate your sharing that information with us.

If you can, take a picture for us. Send it to *Kimmel Family Newsletter* at 325 West Hickam Drive, Columbia, MO 65203, along with whatever information you have concerning which Kimmels lived there.

If you have old photos of such a place, we don't want you to risk your original. Instead, take your original to a good photocopy shop and ask them to make a copy of it on Photo Setting. (If it's a tiny photo, you can ask them to enlarge it at the same time.)

Uncle Harry [Henry?] Riegel & wife, Grandma Kimmel's brother, from Gordon Bower's collection

Kimmel on page 132. I have her ancestors back to **Mattheis Riegell** b. 1710 in Bad Munster, Germany, but I didn't have her descendants until I received your letter.

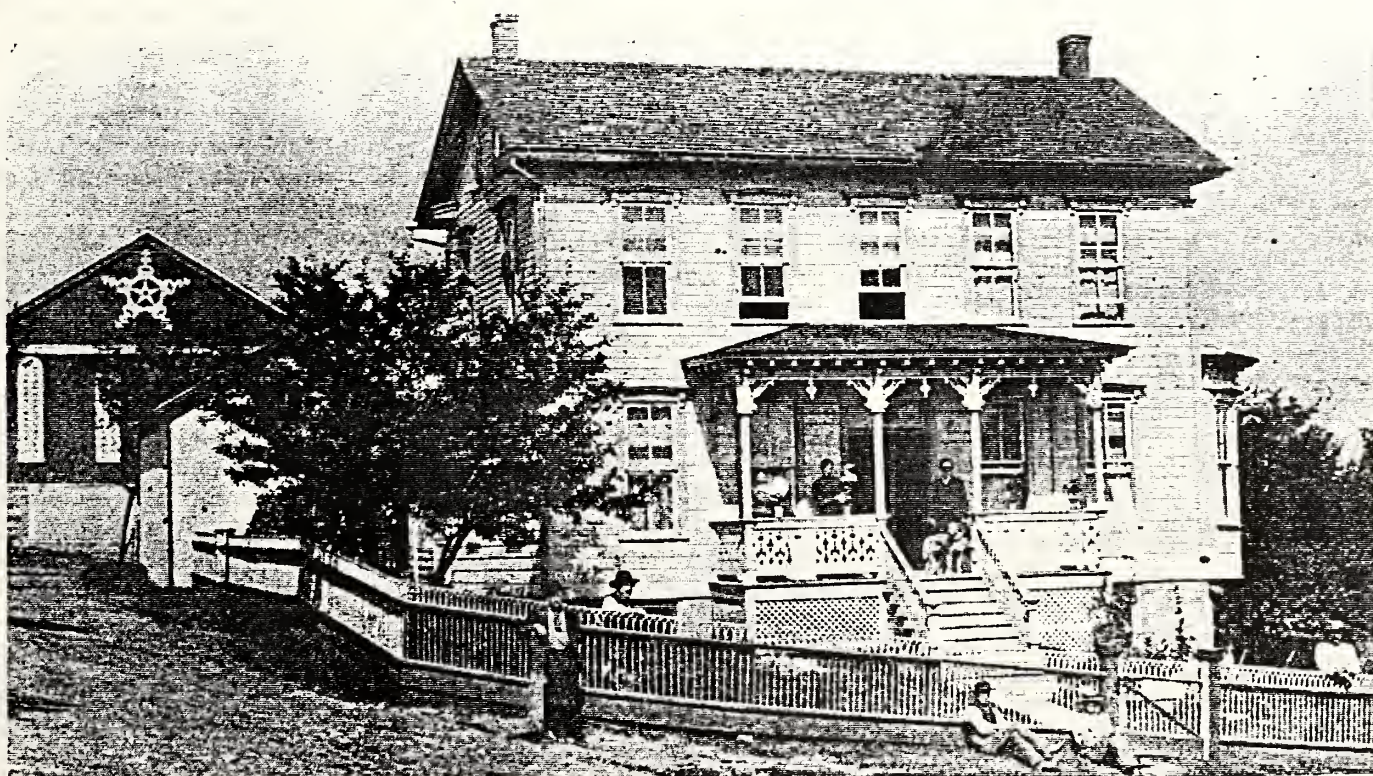
Everything I have on this family corresponds with your info except I have David's mother's maiden name spelled "Koucher."

... who asked for a subscription to *Kimmel Family News*, also sent information for ordering a copy of the

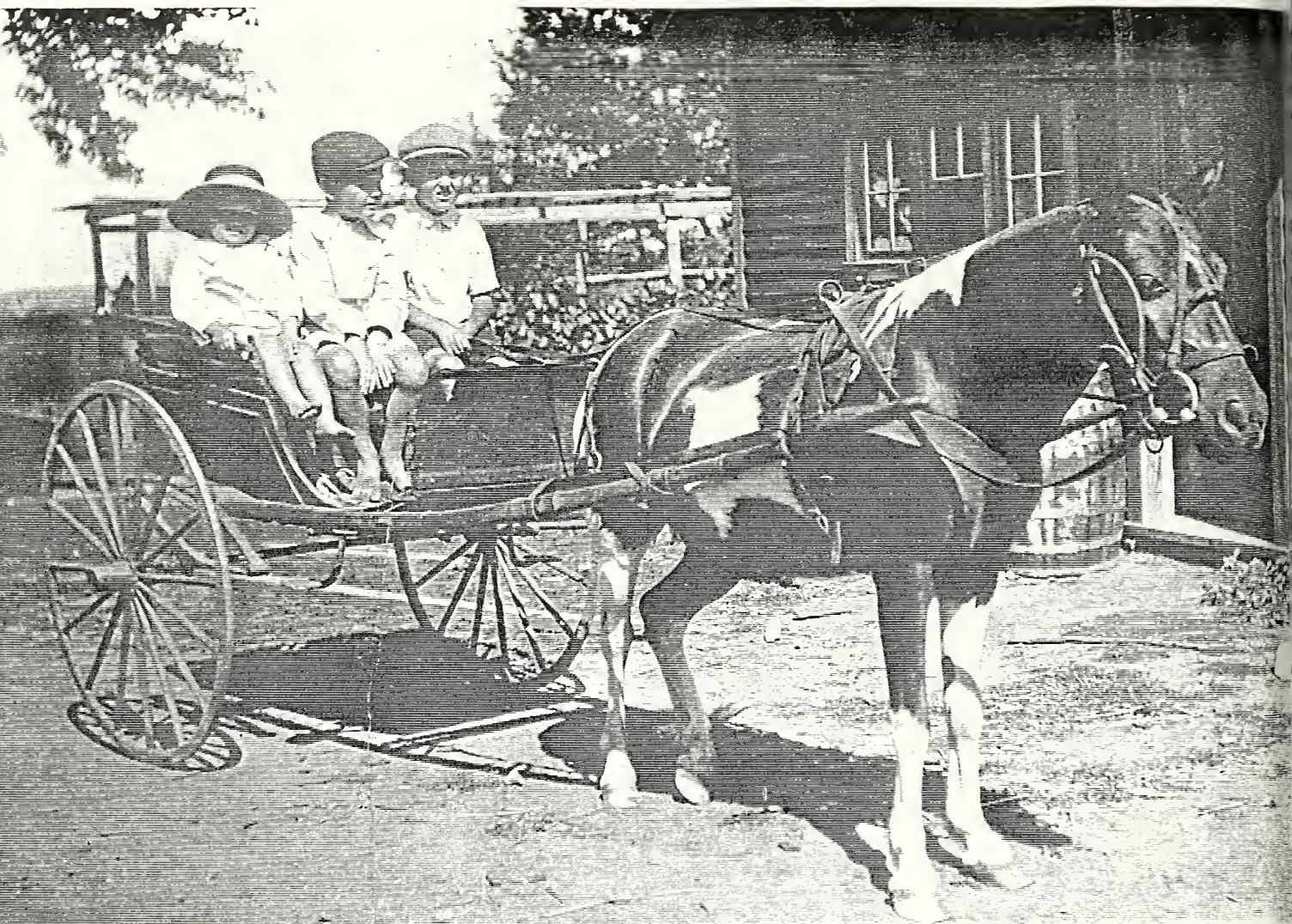


Jim, Ellen & Mary Kimmel

This is your chance to preserve a bit of Kimmel history, and you may be the only one with the knowledge to share! --Jan Tompkins



Kimmel farmhouse in Pennsylvania, ca. 1900. Doris Lambert Collection.



Three Bower brothers c. 1916 in their pony cart: Gordon, John and Donald Kimmel Bower, all now in their 80's.

PONY POWER CAME BEFORE SCHOOL BUSES

—by Janice Bower Tompkins

Before there were school buses, kids got to school on foot or (the lucky ones) on horseback. Now 88, Don Bower of Wichita, KS., and a grandson of Henry and Lydia Bowman Kimmel, remembers Topsy, his pony.

"When I started first grade," he recalls, "we lived about two and a half miles from town." For a short time, his dad, Earl Bower, took the little boy to school on McElouth on horseback and picked him up at the end of the school day, but that system wasn't particularly convenient for a busy farmer.

"We bought Topsy from a Shetland pony farm over at Lecompton," Don recalls. "He was approximately my own age."

At the beginning, things weren't completely smooth sailing for the six-year-old and his new pony. "It took a period of learning on my part to manage her because she was stubborn. We could start out and get a couple hundred yards from home, and she would turn around and go back. Dad had to go along a couple of times and persuade her."

Part of the time the first grader rode into town in the company of a high school neighbor, also on horseback, "so

sometimes there was somebody to ride alongside."

During the schoolday, Topsy was stabled in town in someone's barn with a few blocks of the schoolhouse. "Most houses had a barn back of them," Don recalls.

After Topsy and Don were more familiar with one another, he says, "the kids in my grade wanted to ride her. I got a few 'tokens' for allowing them to ride her—probably candy."

Don rode Topsy to school by himself for two or three years, until his little brother John (now 84) reached school age. "Then we rode double."

John Bower, too, speaks fondly of those rides to school on Topsy. There were enough other kids going to school on horseback, he recalls, that races weren't unusual. "And you know, that little pony just laid right into it," he says, "even with two of us on her back."

Topsy wasn't always docile. Don remembers visits from a Kimmel cousin who enjoyed riding Topsy but was sometimes treated rudely by her. "Garland Kimmel wasn't that familiar with riding a horse. He would ride her around and around the yard. Once he got her going at a canter or a trot, and she stopped quick," --sending Garland over her head. "She may or may not

have had a saddle."

John Bower too recalls that when Topsy got tired of being ridden, she would dump kids off.

Both brothers say Topsy earned her way on the Bower farm. Don remembers riding Topsy on a mini cattle drive. "One summer we drove about 30 head of cattle and put them on pasture on part of Uncle Louis Kimmel's farm, while we still had Topsy. We herded them on country roads a good six or seven miles." At the end of the summer, Don says, they drove the cattle home again, again with him riding Topsy.

He also remembers being sent out on Topsy to retrieve some cattle and horses from their own pasture. On one trip, Topsy and a horse named Dolly got into a fight. "Dolly's heels were too high, and Topsy's heels were too low, so they really couldn't do any damage to one another," Don says, "but I got dumped off on the new wheat."

Earl, his dad, was convinced that while Topsy might dump a boy, she wouldn't dump *him*. He rode her out toward the pasture in question. "She dumped him in some sandburrs." Don subdues a smile.

Topsy wasn't just a riding pony. Sometimes she served as a lawn mower of sorts. "We'd tether her on the lawn so

e could keep the grass short." She so regularly took the Bower boys to the McLouth Brethren Church, which at the time still had a hitching rack out front.

When we had her, the folks still went by horse and buggy to church," says Don. With three boys and two adults, it was getting kinda crowded in the buggy. After we got Topsy, that's when the cart came in. I had a real nice cart with red striped wheels that John and I could ride in together. It had a nice padded seat and a place for packages behind the seat."

Don also made a little wheeled wagon with wire wheels...." John Bower collects. "She pulled a load of junk once with that wagon into town to sell. I remember that."

After the family had Topsy for several years, Earl "decided that she had just as well raise a colt." When Topsy was taken back to the pony farm at Lecompton to be bred, both Donald and John went along, and the trip itself was highly memorable.

The Delaware River had been in flood and had washed out a connecting bridge between Perry and Lecompton. "We went down to Perry and got somebody to take us the rest of the way over." They rowed in a rowboat across the Delaware and swam Topsy across, Don holding her reins from the boat.

She was left at the small pony farm for the summer. "We brought her home in August. She was black and white," Don says. "She raised us a colt--red and white, I think--called Tom Thumb."

By the time Tom Thumb was old enough to ride, "Dad put him up for sale." Topsy was sold to a local family about the same time. In 1920, the family had moved to the edge of McLouth, and the boys were outgrowing their pony.

There were lots of good times with Topsy," Don tells us. "She was a faithful servant," says John Bower.

Below, Lydia Bowman Kimmel with twin daughters, Lettie and Nettis, from Gordon Bower collection.



deaths

Donald K. McGregor

Donald K. McGregor of Bayside, CA., widower of Maxine Kimmel McGregor, suffered a severe stroke in July of last year and passed away shortly after.

Don was born August 21, 1922, in Montana, and graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in Civil Engineering. He was working on Alaskan roads when Maxine went to Alaska as a social worker. They were married in 1952 in Alaska.

Don and Maxine later moved to Eureka, CA., where Don specialized in writing bid proposals for the California Highway Dept.

Maxine, a daughter of Walter Josiah Kimmel and Mabel Steel, died April 15, 1994.

Two children survive: Debra Elaine McGregor and Donald Kent McGregor, both of Eureka, CA.

Alice Jean King Gualco

Word has been received of the death this spring of **Alice Jean King Gualco** in San Francisco, CA. Alice was a daughter of Lettie Alberta Kimmel and Wesley T. King. A grand-daughter of Henry and Lydia Bowman Kimmel, Alice married Frank Gualco in September 1955. He survives, as do their children, Frank D. Gualco and Michael D. Gualco.

David M. Hummer

David M. Hummer, 66, passed away Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at Booker, TX., in the same room of his home in which he was born on July 13, 1930.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 18, 1997, at the First Christian Church in Perryton, TX. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery.

A grandson of Clement and Martha Kimmel Hummer, David was the son of to David and Mary Hummer. He was a lifetime resident of the Booker area. He married Mary Lou Smith of Perryton on May 26, 1957, and they raised three daughters. He was a farmer and rancher.

"Whether you knew my dad as Buddy,

Uncle Buddy, Hummer, Dave or David," Malinda Martinez said in her eulogy, "you knew him, loved him, and miss him..."

She noted his fondness for horses. "Dad always had a great love for horses, from his first horse, Babe, to his last racehorse. And he shared this love with many nieces and nephews, grandchildren, and children of friends, who all enjoyed coming out to the farm to ride horses."

As a Perryton Ranger, he was part of the 1947 football team and played basketball for the Rangers as well. In college, at Oklahoma State University, he was on the rodeo team--bulldogging and roping. Mr. Hummer graduated from Oklahoma A&M at Stillwater, OK. His experience with the rodeo led him to another of his favorite pastimes, horse racing and training horses.

He was preceded in death by his father, David, and a sister, Marjorie Hummer Urban. In addition to his wife, Mary Lou, and three daughters, Malinda Martinez of San Antonio, Susan Randall of Oklahoma City, and Stacey Herring of Saginaw, survivors include his mother, Mary Hummer; four sisters, Pauline Duke of Big Cabin, OK, Martha Hall of Booker, TX, Mary Hummer of Amarillo, and Florence Conley of Perryton; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial gifts might be made to Ochiltree Hospice of 3103 South Garrett, Perryton TX 79070; or the Marjorie Urban Scholarship Fund, c/o Perryton National Bank, POB 969, Perryton, TX 79070.

Mary Lois Hedrick Bower

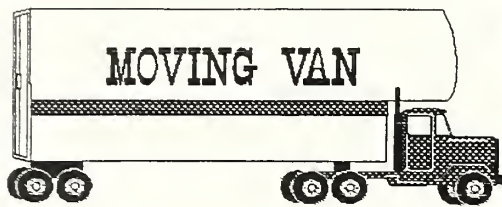
Mary Lois Hedrick Bower died July 25, 1997, in Wichita. Services were held at First Church of the Brethren in Wichita, with Rev. Edwina Pote officiating. Cremation followed.

Mary, the daughter of Estes Hedrick and Luella Hedrick Babb, was born November 9, 1932.

She married Fred Bower in 1955. They were later divorced. Survivors include their children, Sharron Bower McGill of Shoreline, WA., Mary Catherine Bower of Phoenix, AZ., and John Frederick Bower of Wichita.

In addition, three grandchildren survive: Shawn and Wendy Barnett of Phoenix and Jennifer McGill of Shoreline.

Mary's children remembered her fondness for dogs, cats and birds, and her enjoyment of country music. She also had written original verses for her children's birthdays, and those too were mentioned in her eulogy.

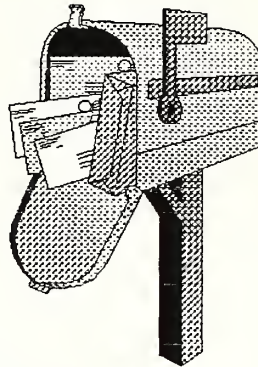


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Instead of sending letters by snail mail, you can now e-mail Jan Tompkins, editor, at ktompk7744@aol.com



family mailbox

Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants:

Mary Hummer wrote this spring to tell us of **Dave Hummer's** death and sent along mementos from his memorial service: "I am not sure that any of my family will get to the family reunion so will send you these articles of our sorrow. Also a check for the past & present & future on my subscription to the cousins magazine.

"**David** has farmed our land for 35 years and did an excellent job. The wheat this year was the best prospect for several years. A promise of 45 or 50 bu. per acre, but with the freeze and a 1/4 inch rain accompanied with too much hail, things have changed. We do have good insurance, so will be OK anyway.

"The big worry is finding a good farmer, honest and trustworthy. All in one person will be pure luck..."

Rose Ivy Kimmel Whitmer descendants:

From **Paul K. Whitmer** of Kansas City, MO a letter on May 25: "I enjoyed seeing my son **Tim's** picture in the *Kimmel Family News*! Also glad you are a fan of his.

"**Tim** is 43 and has been a Musician/Entertainer all of his adult life. He is the oldest of my five children. **Rose Ivy Kimmel** would be his great-grandmother.

"Tim's musical group is called "Tim Whitmer and the KC Express." He plays on a regular basis at the Phoenix Bar and Grill at 8th and Central in downtown Kansas City. Also plays at private

parties, weddings, civic events, and conventions. He is not married but has a 'steady' girl friend.

"It seems like my birthdays and the Kimmel Family reunions always come at the same time. I am having my 70th birthday party on June 7th, and all of my children and their families will come to Kansas City for that. My birthday party will be held on our patio with a five piece band (The Five Scamps), food, drink and more. Looking for about 50 people to attend. So, won't be present for the Kimmel reunion--sorry.

"My youngest daughter, **Paula**, now 24 lives in Manhattan and works at a grill that is part owned by Robert DeNiro (called the Tribeca Grill).

"My son **Brian** is still a chef on the West Coast. My son **Gary** has married and lives in Kansas City; and a married daughter (**Terri**) lives in Aurora, CO.

"My wife **Marie** is a fund-development consultant in the greater KC area, and I help her with that work (fund raising for non-profit organizations).

"You do a wonderful job editing the *Kimmel Family News*. One of these days I will send you a couple of Tim's earlier cassettes."

Paul Whitmer wrote again August 29 from Kansas City KS: "I want to send you some updated information that would deal with the descendants of **Rose Ivy Whitmer**.

"**Gary Whitmer**, my son and whose great grandmother on my

Dad's side was **Rose Ivy Kimmel** is married to **Margaret Smith** and they live in Kansas City. They have a three-month old baby named **Catherine Whitmer**. **Gary** works for Butler Manufacturing Co.

"**Brian Whitmer**, my son, now lives in Corte Madeira, CA., is married to **Tracy Whitmer**, and has two children, **Claire** and **Justin Whitmer**. **Brian** is now Executive Chef and Managing Partner at a very successful restaurant in San Francisco named "Moose's."

Paula Whitmer, my youngest daughter now lives in New York City and is pursuing a career in theater.

Tim Whitmer, my oldest son, continues his musical career and is producing his sixth album. Tim lives in Kansas City on the Plaza. His band is called "Tim Whitmer and the KC Express."

My daughter, **Terri** and her husband, **David Wright**, live in Aurora, CO. David

is the deputy sports editor of the Denver
 st newspaper. Terri is a social
 rker.

T's past June I celebrated my 70th
 birthday. Also this past month, my wife
 Nrie and I celebrated our 46th wedding
 anniversary.



N dad, Paul Kimmel Whitmer, was the
 sh of Rose Ivy Kimmel. She was my
 grandmother and great-grandmother of
 five children listed above."

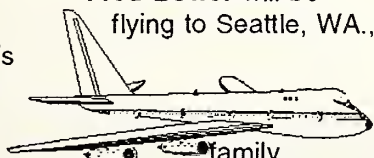
Henry Harrison Kimmel descendants:

Dnald Kimmel Bower, 88, of Wichita,
 K., scared his family when he spent a
 week or so in Intensive Care at
 Riverside Hospital. However, he's back
 home again, and says he's feeling pretty
 good and is regaining some of the
 weight he had lost.

One of his recent projects (in
 conjunction with daughter-in-law Marilyn)
 was a handcrafted "tin man" made from
 various sizes of tin cans, bottle caps,
 and a spray-painted plastic funnel which
 went off to be displayed at the local fair
 (on behalf of Sam's Club?) He
 promises a picture.

On has also made a few more walnut
 bars. Daughter Jan Tompkins lost her
 bar because she used it as part of the
 mantel decorations in one of the houses
 the Tompkinses had for sale--the doctor
 who bought the house wrote into the
 contract that the bear was to be included
 in the purchase of the house. However,
 On made a few more, and Jan now has
 two on her office shelves. "But I'm not
 doing any more to model homes," she
 says.

Fred Bower will be
 flying to Seattle, WA.,



Garron, Gary & Jennifer McGill, for
 two weeks in September. The McGills
 live at Shoreline, WA.

Marilyn Griffin Bower of Wichita is
 celebrating her purchase of a "new"
 house in Wichita, one with extra
 workspace for some of her artistic
 projects.

the Kimmel connection - other Kimmel cousins

Church of the Brethren Messenger for
 July 1997 tell us of the death of Evelyn
 Kimmel, 83, of Schelocta, PA., on April
 10, 1997.

Noah Zimmerman of the Historical
 Center at Richfield, PA, sent a postcard
 in August: "Came upon the inscription
 from an old Dutch Cemetery near
 Shermansdale, Perry Co., PA, for a
 Barbara, wife of Anthony Kimmell,
 December 5, 1766-Dec. 7, 1819, age 83
 years and 2 das.

"You possibly know all about this. In
 event you do not, thought you might like
 to know. Such little nuggets in obscure
 corners sometimes [missing phrase] and
 for the attention of others and their help
 would miss some."

Indiana's The Noble News, newsletter of
 the Noble County Genealogical Society,
 in its June 1997 issue lists information
 about some of the early high school
 graduates of Albion High School.
 Among them were:

Sidney Orva Kimmel, a member of the
 Class of 1888, described as "d. Last
 lived in FL, m. Frantie Harrow, has four
 sons."

Albinus Kimmel, member of Class of
 1893, "teacher and surveyor, father of
 Mrs. John Prickett, d. Denver, Col."

Someone passed along newspaper
 clippings from the Seattle-Tacoma area
 about a young Kimmel athlete who
 apparently is one to watch. Jacob
 Kimmel, who was then a senior at
 Pacific Christian High School (May
 1997), was a nominee for the National
 Football Foundation and College hall of
 Fame, "which awards scholarships to
 standout football players and citizens."

In addition, "Kimmel is also a standout
 track and field athlete... but basketball is
 the sport where Kimmel has done the
 most damage for Pacific Christian..."
 No mention in the newspaper articles
 about Jacob's parents or how the family
 ties into the Kimmel family tree.

From Wilma Pritchard of Abilene, TX a
 May 22 note: "I
 enjoy the family
 news SO much!

"Please renew my
 subscription for one year
 and change my
 address....My
 maternal line
 descends through
 Johann Michael



Kimmel.

Ray A & Berniece Kimmel of Fayette,
 MO., sent a note May 23: "Our address
 has changed...for 911 even though we
 haven't moved. Thank you for the
 excellent newsletter. Check attached."

Ron & Maxine Kimmel of Ronan, MT,
 sent a note and a check May 29: "Busy
 getting ready to go to the reunion in
 McLouth. Hope to meet you there." They
 did. Nice folks.

James Kay Kimmel of Arlington, VA, wrote
 June 1: "I noticed in the Feb 28 1997 issue
 of Kimmel Family News under Tim Kimmel's
 Kimmel Column that he mentioned several
 Kimmel cemeteries in Illinois.

"My great grandfather, George Ebon Kimmel
 died July 30, 1903, in Sandbridge, Jackson
 Co. IL. I obtained this information from a
 copy of his death certificate. However, I
 have not been able to determine the
 cemetery where he is buried. Is it possible
 for Tim or anyone else for that matter to let
 me know to whom I should write to determine
 where my great-grandfather might be buried?

"I am just beginning to research my family
 tree, starting with the Kimmel side, and would
 appreciate any advice or information that may
 be of help. A quick background is as follows:

"My father is George McGee Kimmel, born
 July 31, 1912, in McGee, MO, and married
 my mother, Gladys Irene Gray, born Dec 22
 1916 in Zalma, MO, Aug 31, 1935, in
 Loendes, MO.

"My dad's father, my grandfather, George
 William Kimmel, was born Jan 1887 in
 Illinois and died in 1954 in Advance, MO. He
 married my grandmother, Emma Josephine
 McGee in McGee, MO in 1911. She was
 born Dec 29 1888.

"My great-grandfather, George Ebon
 Kimmel, was born Aug 1861 in Stoddard Co.
 MO and died July 30, 1903 in Sandbridge,
 Jackson Co. IL.

"He married my great-grandmother, Nancy
 Ann 'Nannie' Griner on March 9, 1881 in
 Dewitt CO IL. Nancy was born Oct 1860 in
 IL. She died about 1902 in Leoria MO."
 James' address is 2546-C S. Arlington Mill
 Dr., Arlington VA 22206.

Among the new relatives we met this
 June at the Kimmel Family Reunion at
 McLouth, KS., were Charles & Barbara
 Beeghley and four of their five
 daughters: Bethany, Shannon, Esther,
 and Rebecca. Daughter Hannah wasn't
 present. The family lives at nearby
 Baldwin City.

Both Charles and Barbara are Kimmel
 descendants--our family lines cross
 Charles' at least twice, according to
 Gordon Bower, and there is also a
 reasonably close Flory connection.

If Jan's notes are right, Barbara
 Beeghley is the daughter of Vera Viola
 Lahman, whose mother was Angella
 Kimmel, daughter of Ervin & Maggie
 Kimmel. Ervin's parents were Peter &
 Alzina; Peter's father was Jacob



Barbara Beeghley shares an antique quilt with Kimmel kinfolk at the 1997 Kimmel reunion.

Kimmel.

By way of Hobart & Frances Kimmel of Ohio, Vera Lahman sent a family history scrapbook along to the Kimmel reunion for display.

Charles E. Cichantk of Palos Park, IL., sent a note August 9: "I wish to subscribe to the *Kimmel Family News*. Tim Kimmel gave me your address... I am the great-grandson of John Franklin Kimmel (1854-1898) and very glad to have found his family. He changed his name to Kimbel, but there always was a

rumor of Kimmel being the proper name."

TODD KIMMELL GALLERY OPENS IN PHILADELPHIA

The Crosley Deluxe Gallery is a new Philadelphia gallery (2/3/97) in Old City at 307 Market St, 2d floor. Created and run by Kristin and Todd Kimmell, who were friends of Dave Wright, the Crosley Deluxe Gallery will eventually settle in with a focus on historic and contemporary photography.

The gallery shares a large space with the production offices of the Kimmell's *Lost Highways Magazine* and Todd's archive of obscure 16 mm films.

"Having a second floor gallery in Old City means the costs are low, and the pressure is less for the gallery to make money," says Todd. "The magic of this is that we can show whatever the hell we want, when we want, and in whatever way we please. We are very pleased to be able to make the space available for Dave's work...."

The gallery is located just two blocks from the Liberty Bell in the historic Old City section of Philadelphia. Kimmells, they say, are always welcome to stop by!

The photo at left is of the feed yard at "Kimmel Farms 1898," from Gordon Bower's collection. Notes say "Henry in cart. Louis in wagon, Anna in surrey."



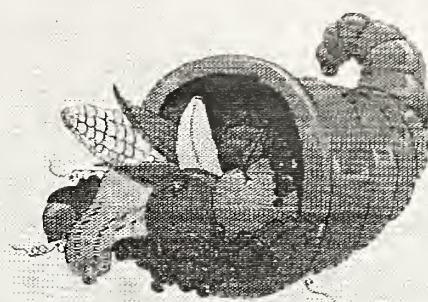
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1788 KIMMEL HOUSE STILL STANDS

In 1788 one of Johann Philip Kimmel's sons built a house "a short distance south" of the original Kimmel farm in Pennsylvania. That house, built for "Michel Kimmel" and his wife, Ester, was still standing when Maurine Kimel Blackwell of Bozeman, MT., visited Pennsylvania two years ago and took pictures.

Up near the peak of the gable on one end is an old plaque which reads:

MICHEL KIMMEL
ESTER KIMMEL
ANNO DOMINI
IN THE YEAR OF
OUR LORD - 1788
AUKUST 30-D

and a bottom row which appears to say
s/2 - C * D MEL

Maurine asks if anyone knows the meaning of the bottom row, and, for that matter, "Is Aukust the German word for August," she wonders.

"Michel" was J. Michael Kimmel, born March 14, 1736 in Darmstadt, Hesse, who died in May, 1818, in York County, PA. "Ester" was Esther Asper Kimmel, born about 1740. The couple married c1758 in Pennsylvania.

"The house is located on Highway 194 between East Berlin and Dillsburg, PA.," writes Maurine, "just north of the junction with the Davisburg road." At the time she visited and took pictures in May, 1995, it was being used as a rental house.

Michael, a son of Johann Philip Kimmel (1695-1777) and his wife, Anna Elizabeth Voltz, arrived in Philadelphia September 19, 1752, on the ship *Edinburgh*, captained by one James Russel, according to 2d Series 17 p253, PA Archives. His signature at the courthouse reads "MICHEL KIMMEL" with that date.

Long-time tradition says that Michael's uncles, Jacob and Valentine, and their families had left Germany for the new world in 1750 and 1751. Michael had lost three sisters and his mother due to epidemics in Germany, and his father, Johann Philip, sent 16-year-old Michael to America to see how his uncles had fared in Pennsylvania.

After his visit to his uncles in York County, he is said to have returned to Darmstadt, apparently with an encouraging report, and Johann Philip decided to bring the rest of his family to America. (Most of us who read the newsletter are descended from Michael's brother, J. Philip Kimmel [1724-1796],



Closeup view of plaque on Michel and Ester Kimmel house near East Berlin, PA. Photo by Maurine Kimel Blackwell, 1995.

who is thought to have come with the family to Pennsylvania at that time.)

"They apparently crossed the stormy Atlantic in late winter and early spring of 1755," according to Donald Kimmel Bower's notes.

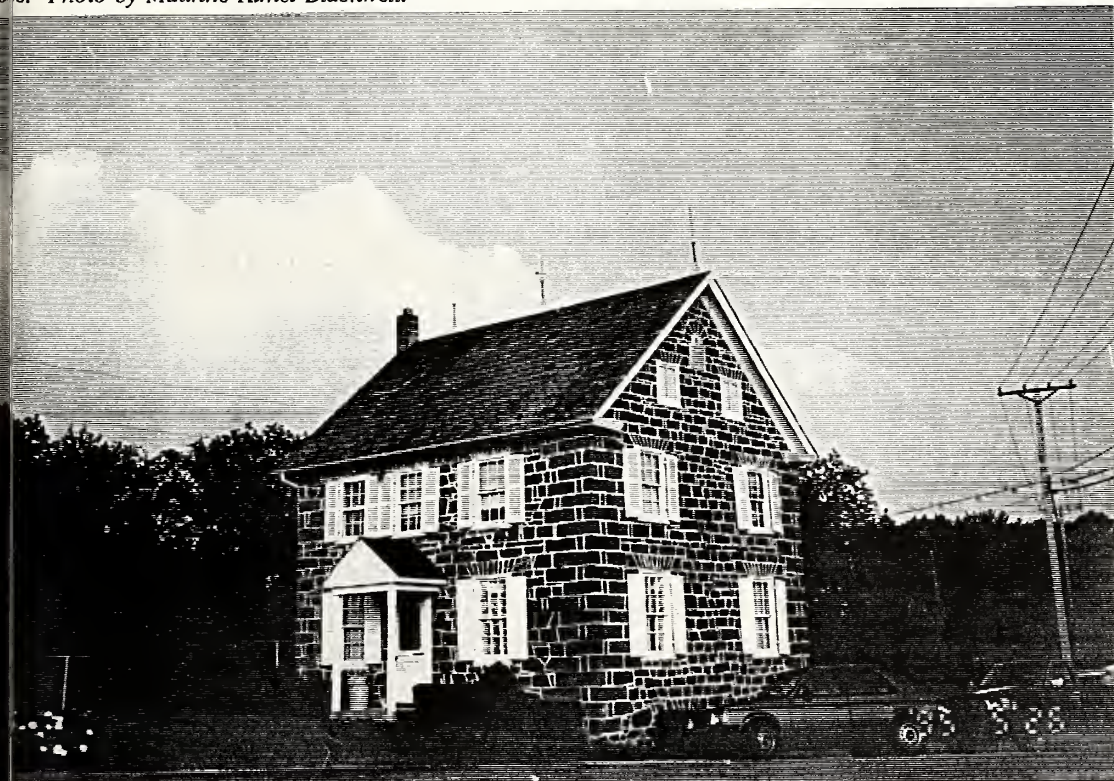
"They arrived at the port of Belle Haven (Alexandria), VA., in early April. The family group followed General Braddock's army westward across Maryland, as far as Frederick City or

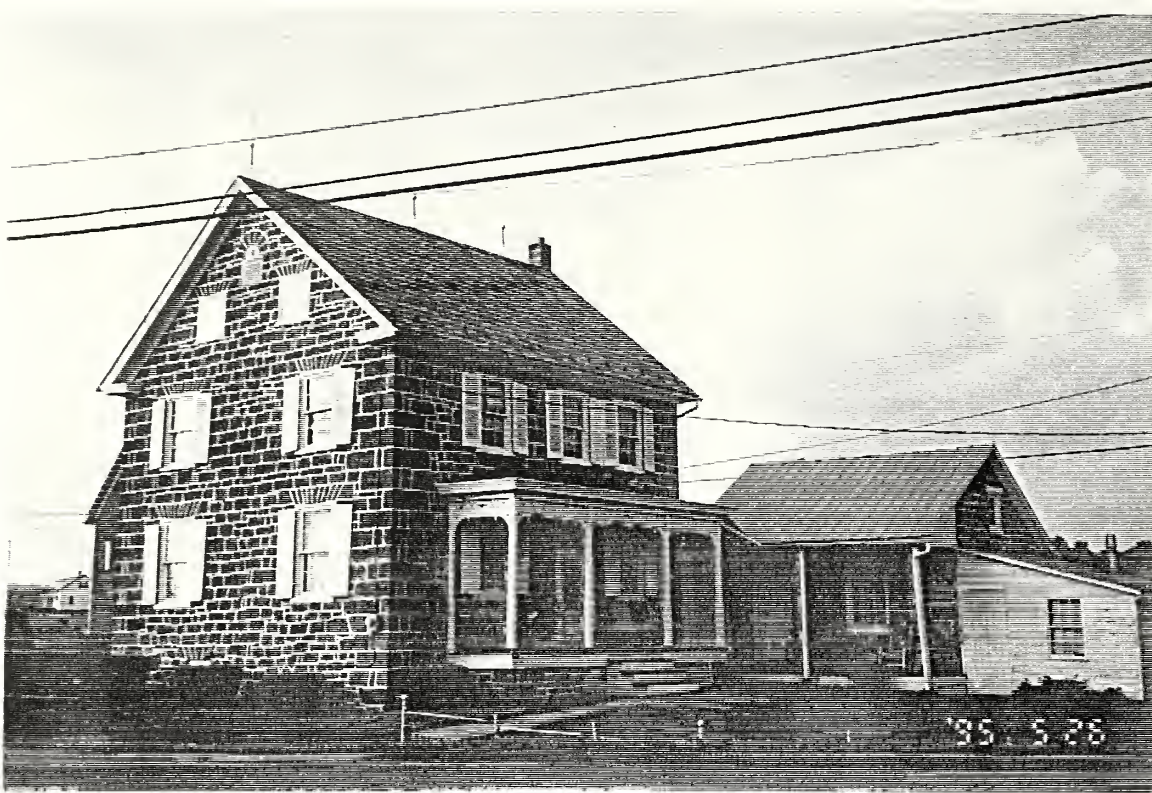
New Market by May first. They left the Army and the military road and turned north toward Uncle Valentine's home in York County, PA., on the Red Run branch of Bermudian Creek.

"After Philip bought the farm from Valentine, the boys all had to help with all the work, including the household chores. The older boys began marrying and establishing their own homes. Michael was apparently married to Esther Asper by 1759."

"With the coming of the Revolutionary War," Don Bower's notes continue, "Michael became part of the Continental Army. He was commissioned a First Lieutenant January 6, 1776, serving under Captain James

Front view of 1788 Michel Kimmel house, showing position of plaque on end. Highway 194 runs in front of the house. Photo by Maurine Kimel Blackwell.





1788 Kimmel house, rear view. Photo by Maurine Blackwell

"In 1987 I visited this farm," she writes. "It is six miles north of Berlin, PA. The area residents know where this farm is located. A map was drawn for me. I never was on so many back roads and had thoughts if I would ever surface again."

The reason for Nancy's visit was to locate the burial place of **Jacob Kimmel** (1757-1824), with his spouse, **Mary Hoffman Kimmel** (1760-1838). "These stones were almost unreadable," she says.

The owners of the farm at the time of her visit were Ida Kimmel and Delbert Kimmel (now deceased) and the farm address at that time was RD 1 Box 319, Berlin, PA, 15530-9576.

Taylor and Col. Anthony Wayne as a member of the Fourth Pennsylvania Battalion. He became Paymaster March 15, 1777."

The Historical Register of Officers of Continental Army During Way of Revolution April 1775-Dec 1783 confirms this service: "KIMMEL, Michael (PA) 1st Lieu 4th PA Battalion, 6th Jan 1776; Regimental Paymaster 5th PA 15 March 1777; retired with rank of Captain 1st July 1778. Died 1818."

"At the end of the war," according to Don Bower, Michel "returned to the farm in York County. The tax rolls of the county show that he had 220 acres in Reading Twp."

Michel and Ester Asper Kimmel had six children: John Kimmel (1760-1840), a

Josiah R. and Margaret Magill Kimmel, 1882



medical doctor who married Elizabeth Uhrich; Ursula Kimmel (b 1762), who married George Schwartz; Philip Kimmel (b.1766); Jonas Kimmel (1771-1825); Michael Kimmel Jr. (1772-1825); and Joseph Kimmell Sr. (1769-1843), who married Hannah Welde. Michel and Ester's later descendants include State Sen. William F. Kimmell and Hon. Orlando Kimmell, among others.

OOOPS!! CORRECTION AND APOLOGIES TO JOSIAH'S MARGARET AND LOUIS

Last issue, in an article about the 1997 Kimmel reunion, we wrongly talked about some of the folks as being descendants of Josiah Regal Kimmel and Margaret Edmonds. Josiah Kimmel's wife was Margaret Magill. (Margaret Edmonds was married to Louis Kimmel). Sorry about the error.

Somebody sent along a picture of Josiah and his Margaret taken on their wedding day, January 12, 1882, in Leavenworth County, KS. It appears at the lower lefthand corner of the page.

Alas, we don't have a photo of Louis and Margaret Edmonds Kimmel to share, unless someone wants to send us one.

"KIMMEL FARMHOUSE" IDENTIFIED BY KIMMEL COUSIN

The once-unidentified "Kimmel farmhouse in Pennsylvania ca 1900" used by the editors of *Brethren Encyclopedia* in its article on the Kimmel family is no longer unidentified. A copy of that picture appeared on page 5 of the Aug. '97 issue of *Kimmel Family News*.

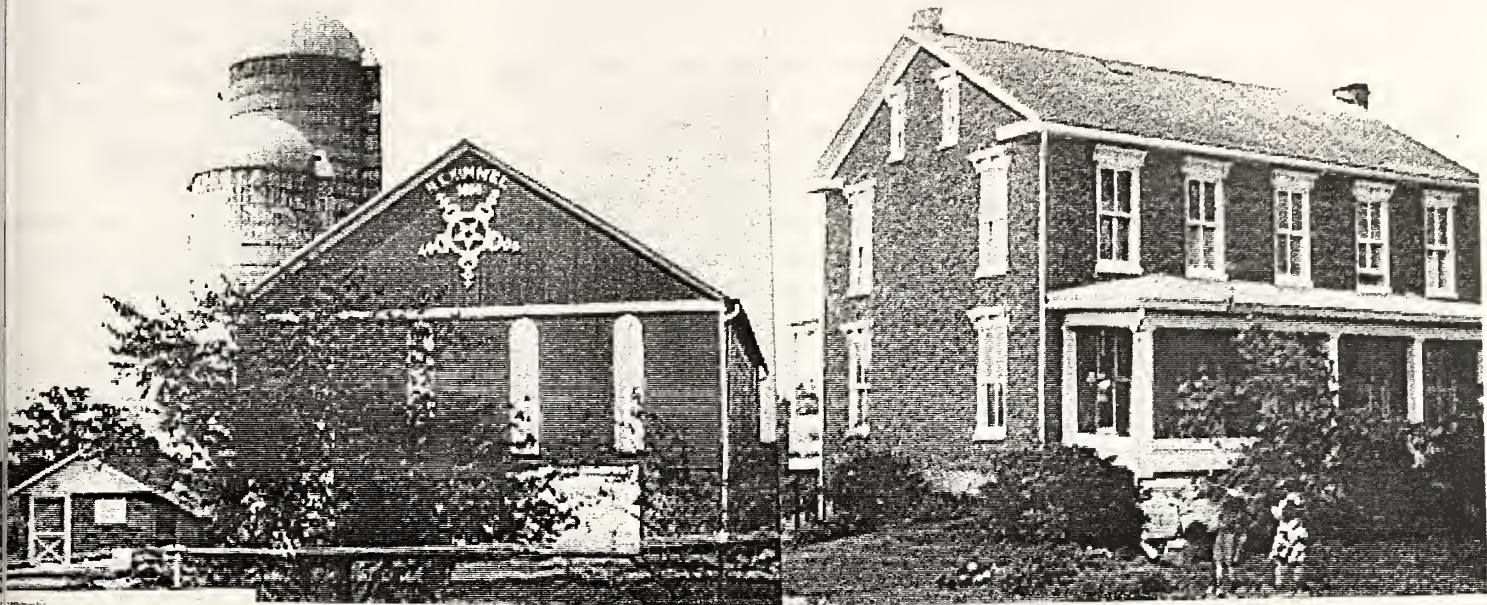
Nancy Lonsinger of Marblehead, OH., a Kimmel descendant, sent us some 1987 photos of the same historic Kimmel family home and told us about her visit there.

"Ida never married and taught school. A few years ago she quit corresponding." Nancy then lost contact with those resident Kimmels.



Above, headstone for Mary Hoffman Kimmel, born 26 Dec 1760, died 11 May 1838, buried on Kimmel Farm, six miles north of Berlin, PA. Below, headstone for Jacob Kimmel, born 7 Sept. 1757, died 14 Nov. 1824, buried on Kimmel Farm, six miles north of Berlin, PA. Photos by Nancy Lonsinger (1987).





The front porch on this Kimmel farmhouse has changed since 1900, but the house is still recognizable in Nancy Lonsinger's 1987 photos. And who could mistake that barn? The Kimmel name and year above the snowflake were added after 1900.

REUNION 2000 COMMITTEE SEEKS INPUT

by Gordon Bower

The Kimmel Reunion voted to hold their near 2000 meeting in a motel in Lawrence, KS. My survey of the city's major motels indicates there are only two that have suitable accommodations for our group.

The Hollidome seems to be too high priced. Meeting rooms at \$400 for a full day, guest room with sufficient guest bookings at midweek are \$80 per day. Normal rates are \$109 daily.

The Ramada Inn seems more reasonable. Meeting rooms at \$125.00 per day and guest rooms at \$60. Room rates in Lawrence are expensive, as they are in other university towns. There is only one limitation on the meeting room at the Ramada. The only entrance is up a flight of stairs. This would create problems for several of our group unless we can make arrangements.

It also occurred to me that we could find a better economical arrangement by locating a meeting room adjacent to a motel. The UP Depot would not be private and is too expensive. I will investigate KU later.

Comments? Suggestions? Contact **Gordon Bower** at 4100 West 13th Street, Lawrence, KS 66049-3518, telephone 913-843-1976.

Tim Kimmel's Kimmel Column

KIMMEL LANDMARKS IN THE SOUTH

Kimmel Road runs south off of the Redfield River Road, midway between Redfield, Arkansas, and the Arkansas River. **Kimmell Avenue** runs the length

of Braman, OK. **Kimmel Street** is a short street in Henderson, KY. **Kimmel Lane** branches west off Rookdale Road in Hoover Heights, a town south of Weirton, WV.

Kimmell Road in Frederick County, Maryland, joins Glissans Mill Road just west of Lindanore with the Old Annapolis Road. The road was named for **Anthony Kimmel Jr.**, landowner and state senator there.

Baltimore's **Kimmel Street** is two blocks of a lane which connects Eutaw Street, where **Anthony Kimmel** lived, and Howard Street, where the family business was. The other two blocks of the same lane is State Street.

Kimmel Avenue is in the Baltimore suburb of Graceland Park. There are nine **Kimmel Tire and Auto Centers** in and around Baltimore.

Kimel Cemetery is a family cemetery about 2.5 miles north of Arcadia, North Carolina.

Kimmel Outpatient Surgical Center sits on State Road 702, by St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach, Florida. **Jim Kimmel Center** is a drug treatment center in Lubbock, Texas.

Kimmels Bayou empties southward into the Grand Plains Bayou in the swampy lowlands near Ansley, Mississippi.

KIMMEL SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: #5 GEORGE JACOB KIMMEL OF ORWIGSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

George Jacob Kimmel ("George") was born in 1764 in Macungie Township, Northampton (now Lehigh) County, PA., to John Jacob Kimmel ("Jacob") and Anna Dorothea, whose maiden name is believed to be **Bechtel**. The Kimmels had recently moved there

A Kimmel Genealogy Website

by Tim Kimmel

With more and more people accessing the internet, it's not surprising Kimmels have started their own websites. Many report their own genealogies. And a couple sites even offer to add your Kimmel lines to their own lists.

I got ambitious last month and started my own Kimmel Website. You can read reports on topics I've covered in past issues of the **Kimmel Family News**. And I have a summary of some 5000 Kimmels born prior to 1900, linked by codes to their original American

ancestor. Eventually, you will be able to post queries and register your own Kimmel lines and your websites.

Check it out at:

<<http://home1.gte.net/Kimmel/genealogy.htm>>.

from New Hanover, PA., where their first four children were born. After his wife's death, **Jacob** remarried and moved the family to the Hamburg, PA, area, then northward to where Orwigsburg stands today.

Montgomery County Militia, under Lieutenant Colonel Peter Richards in 1786. This company was raised at New Hanover, where the family apparently still maintained family ties.

buried with his wife in the church's cemetery. Most of his descendants stayed in Schuylkill County, though some moved to Lebanon County, PA, and others to Wayne County, IN.

George enlisted in the Berks County Militia in 1780 as private in the 7th class of the 3rd battalion, serving under Captain Jacob Wetstone. He later served as private in the 1st class, 3rd Company, 4th Battalion of the

George married **Maria Elizabeth Runckel** and settled on his father's land near Orwigsburg, PA., where they raised their 12 children. His descendants still own the property. **George** served as trustee for the Zion "Red" Church, was involved in its rebuilding in 1803, and is

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Kimmel Coats of Arms

The eight designs to the left are coats of arms awarded to Kimmel individuals in Hessian and Palatine Germany, each shown with the date it was known to be in use. The date for each is listed below with the name of the person assigned to, their position and a description of the design. The sketches are as presented in (A) Die Deutsches Geschlechterbuch and (B) Siebmacher'schen Wappenbuchern.

1560 (B) Jodocus Kümmell of Liebenau. Andrew's cross across the whole shield with a cross jutting out to the right from its center.

1577 (B) Cunradus Kummell, chief recorder and accountant at Kassel. Full-blooming plant.

1593 (A) Georg Kommel, mayor of Libenau and son of Jodocus Kümmell above. Same as father's plus the mark "I.K."

1609 (B) Helwigk Kummel, treasurer of Grebenstein. Three-stemmed plant growing from ground. On the helmet is a male figure wearing a dagger and holding the same plants in his hands with outstretched arms.

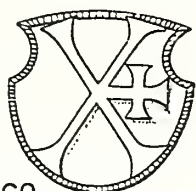
1654 Matthias Kümmell, commandant and lieutenant at the fortress at Rheinfels and Katz. Same as Helwigk's above, but no dagger, the plant has two stems with three bunches of blooms on each and is not growing out of the ground.

1694 (B) Heinrich Rochus Kümmell, administrator at the royal boron works at Rangen near Ziegenberg. A young man holding a plant in his outstretched right hand, wearing "Rock mit w. Kragen und Vorstoss & Beinkleidern und Schuhen, w. Strümpfen." On the helmet is a three-stemmed blooming plant.

1699 (A) same Heinrich as above. A three-stemmed plant, with the same plant on the helmet. Colors are green and gold.

1701 A Kimmel was a member of the third assembly at Frankfurt this year. Assumed by many to have been Johann Michael Kümmel (Kimmel), judge of Gimbsheim and father of brothers Philip, Jacob and Valentine who came to America in the 1750s. A tree supported by two lions, with the same tree on the helmet. Some heraldry designs show the lions holding the tree up off of the ground.

1996 Not a German coat of arms. I designed it for those like me who do not descend from any of the individuals above. An eagle (American Kimmel) claims a caraway plant (heritage) from the lion (German ancestors). American star serves as the shield.



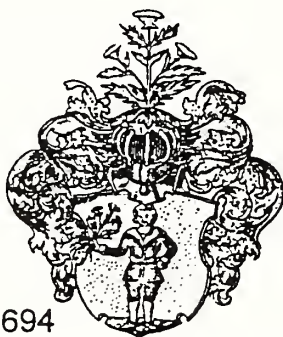
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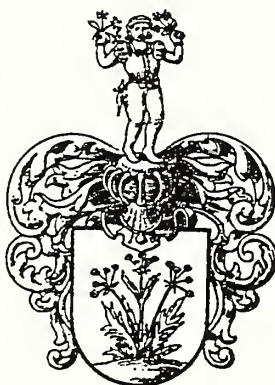
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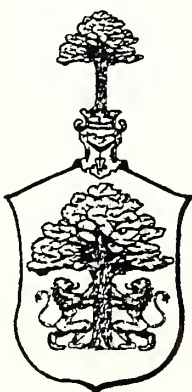
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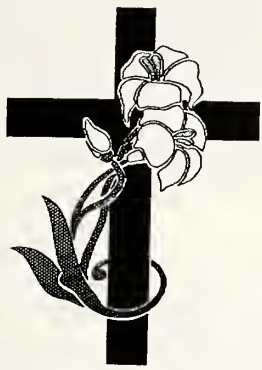
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Deaths

Gary O. Conley 1933 - 1997

Gary Olen Conley of Perryton, TX., died July 31. Dr. Conley was 63. Services were held August 4 at First Christian Church in Perryton, with burial at Ochiltree Cemetery.

Gary was born September 10, 1933, in Canadian, TX., the son of Audie and Clara Conley. He married Florence Vonne Hummer on July 20, 1952, in Perryton. Mrs. Conley survives.

His two children, Marc Conley of Booker, OK., and Cheryl Conley Stephens of Perryton, TX., also survive, and do four grandchildren and one sister, Carolyn LeMaster of Perryton.

Dr. Conley received his Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics and animal science from Iowa State University in 1955, and a Master of Science in animal breeding from Oklahoma State University in 1956. In 1968, he earned a Ph.D. in population genetics from Iowa State University.

Gary worked with the AEC Swine Radiation Research Project and conducted research with the Mayo Clinic on gastric lesions as part of the research for his doctorate.

He and his family spent two years in Medellin, Colombia, where, as a staff member of the University of Nebraska, he developed courses in animal breeding, statistics and genetics for the National University of Colombia.

In 1970 he became director of swine research with DeKalb Ag Research in DeKalb, IL. He became an agriculture consultant in 1972 and at that time returned to the family farm in Ochiltree County.

His on-going development of a composite breed of cattle, a project begun in 1956, gained him international recognition. In 1986 he was invited to present a paper and participate in a symposium at the Third World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production at the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Conley helped write the Foreign Assistance Act for the House Agriculture Committee as a part of the 1990 Farm Bill in the U. S. House of Representatives, and he also worked with investors in Ecuador and Guatemala. In addition, he was team leader of a group of five consultants for the Trade and Development Program of the U.S. State Department in Guatemala.

He also developed training courses to educate small farmers in Honduras and conducted a feasibility study for a pork production system in Costa Rica, both systems designed to allow the citizens to become more self sufficient.

Conley served as president of the American Society of Agricultural Consultants, was a past chairman of the Board of Governors of the American Society of Agricultural Consultants International, and was a member of the American Society of Animal Science. He was also the author of many professional publications.

Gary was also a member of First Christian Church and of Lions Club International.

Emmett D. Hummer 1914 - 1997

Emmett D. Hummer of Parsons, Ks., died unexpectedly Oct. 18, 1997, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was 83.

Emmett, a grandson of Martha Kimmel Hummer, was born February 23, 1914, in Beaver County, OK (near Booker, TX), the son of Olive Branch "Ollie" and Beulah Boyer Hummer. He grew up in Ochiltree County, TX.

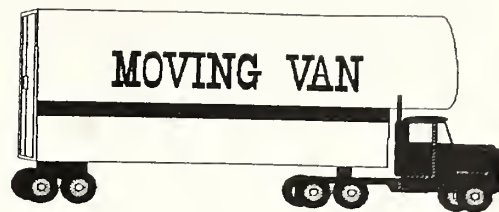
Emmett married Geraldine "Jean" Bowdle February 21, 1940, in Ochiltree County. In 1943 they moved to Booker, TX., and in 1951 to Parsons, KS. Mrs. Hummer died Oct. 21, 1994.

Surviving are a son, Dean Hummer of Parsons; two daughters, Bonita Hummer Weaver of Purcell, MO, and Patricia Hummer Ringle of Parsons; as well as six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A brother, Harold Hummer of Eufala, OK., and a sister, Melvena Hummer Hazen of Independence, KS., also survive. One brother and one sister, as well as one grandson, preceded him in death.

Mr. Hummer had retired from farming in 1979. He had farmed since his father's death when Emmett was 15.

A lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren, Emmett was a member of the Parsons Amateur Woodworkers Society as well as serving on the Labette County Zoning Board. He was also active in swimming classes at Parsons State Hospital and Training Center.

Services were held at the Church of the Brethren in Parsons, with burial in Memorial Lawn Cemetery.



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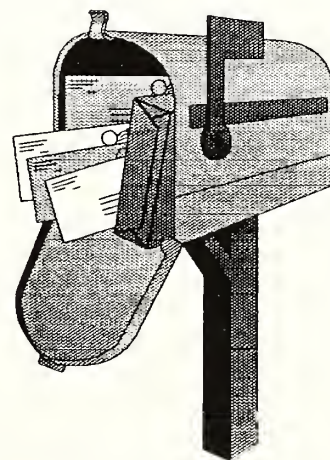
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family mailbox

Henry H. Kimmel descendants

Sharron Bower McGill e-mailed us Sept. 6 from Shoreline, WA: "Dad is due here on Wednesday. I have a whole list of places I'd like to take him to. I hope he brings some walking shoes with him. Jennifer started back to school on Sept. 2. She's already swamped with homework. This is senior year, so there's all kinds of pressure from tests, applying to colleges, senior pictures and who knows what else we're not even aware of yet!"

And we have a Sept. 7 e-mail from **Kathy Bower** of Phoenix, AZ: "This is **Mary Kathryn Bower, Frederick's** youngest daughter. We received the family newsletter today in the mail and saw your computer address. **Shawn**, my son, has his own computer in his room. He is going to be 19 Sept. 18. His passion is the computer and his girl friend... **Wendy** will be 15 Sept. 20. She's staying the night at a friend's tonight....

"I like the article about Topsy. Grandpa didn't tell that story to me, so if you hadn't written it, I wouldn't have known. Maybe you could have a memory corner so we can get a feel of who people really are." [Me too, Kathy! Let's hope folks will send us something about life "in the olden days," as in "How did folks cook in the olden days before microwaves?"]

Jim Kimmel's picture showed up on the front page of the *Oskaloosa Independent*, in an article about the expected large grain harvest.

In an article headlined "Fall harvest sees average returns after dry summer," a photo of **Jim** by Tom Lister, carries a caption: "Jim Kimmel says this year's harvest has gone well in light of a dry summer. Here he prepares to harvest corn at Teresa Woodhead's farm north of McLouth."

The *Independent's* reporter continues: "...Jim Kimmel, McLouth, has seen it, too... he's also noticed crops faring better in low ground, with deeper soil and better water retention. Last week at Teresa Woodhead's farm north of McLouth, Kimmel saw corn yields of 100 bushels an acre.

"That was pretty good considering the weather, he said. Moderate summer temperatures helped. "In fact, this patch here is real good," Kimmel, 72, said. "It's hard to believe, but of course, we've had more rain here than in some places, no question about it."

After a couple of illnesses this fall, as well as a new pacemaker, **Don Bower** of Wichita, KS., is temporarily living at Waterfront Inn, an assisted-living facility where he has his own apartment. His phone number while there is 316-943-2311. Don will be 89 on April 13.

John Bower of McLouth, KS., turns 86 on December 17.

Mike & Deanna Tompkins of Columbia, MO., made their longest bike trip this fall, when they pedaled 75 miles alongside

the Missouri River to Hermann, a one-day trip. 16-year old **Shaun** was there at 6:00 p.m. to pick them up and drive them home.

A interview by local TV newfolk of **Shaun Tompkins** appeared on the Columbia MO. evening news. Shaun was one of the members of a engineering technology high school class who worked in teams to design and build their own pumpkin chucks. His team's 50' foot chuck was good for a respectable third place. Shaun told reporters that he had learned (among other things) about stress points and "pumpkin integrity."

Josiah Riegel Kimmel descendants

Lola Kimmel of Seattle, WA, sent a note Oct. 8: "I am continuing my research into Revolutionary War connections for **David Kimmel** (1763). While resear-ching at the Seattle Public Library, I happened upon the enclosed. Thought you might like this for the Kimmel Family News. I will keep searching along some new lines and maybe I will be able to turn up something.

"I have sent for the **Riegel** book. I had the connections but not all of the facts. Hope to find another Revolutionary War ancestor for Paula for the DAR. It was a nice reunion."

In a Nov. phone conversation, **Carolyn McPherson Waterman** of Washington, KS, brought us up to date on some members of her family. Her husband, **Neil**, is a farmer with a "cow-calf operation," and she is school librarian for Washington School District (K-12).

They have one son, **Steven**, a diesel mechanic working for an implement

What Lola Kimmel sent...

Bounty Land Assigned in Somerset County

from **Laurel Messenger**, May 1978, page 3.

"For many years there has been some doubt cast on the statement that 'My ancestor received his land for service in the Revolutionary War.' The following records would seem to prove that there was bounty land assigned in what is now Somerset County. Quemahoning Township extended to the Westmoreland county line in 1794. These plots of 400 acres each are on both sides of the county line."

Carrying a date of March 29, and April 4 1794, Bedford County, two Bedford County Justices of the Peace swear that the 15,200 acres is unimproved. Then comes the May 4, 1795, certification of S. David Kennedy in Philadelphia that "Warrants have issued bearing date the 4th April 1794..." Among the recipients of bounty land:

"**DAVID KEMMELL for 400 A adj. John Gill on E in Fairfield Twp.**"

company and married to **Michelle**, who works for a neighboring school district. **Steven & Michelle** have one daughter, **Ashley Nichole**, who turned five in Oct. and is now in pre-school.

Carolyn's dad, **Leland McPherson**, drove up from McLouth for the Thanksgiving week end. "He celebrated his 87th birthday in Nov.," she told us.

Larry McPherson, Carolyn's younger brother, "is still activities director at Eudora," KS. His wife, **Frances**, works for the Lawrence school district's food service.

Larry and Frances' son **Franklin McPherson** is a veterinarian in the Ft. Worth, TX. area, and daughter-in-law



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Photo by Tom Lister

Latie is now a newly certified CPA. Living in the same area is Franklin's sister, **Janatha**, married to **Jim McCullough**. If my somewhat illegible notes are right, Jim is into computers and also corporate taxes. Larry & Frances' third child, **Sylvia McPherson**, is still single, lives in Grandview, MO., works at a biological laboratory, and she just bought a house.

Carolyn's older brother **Jerry McPherson** and wife **Esther** still live at Tonganoxie, KS. Jerry's oldest son **Rick** and wife **Michele** have two children: five-year-old **Caila** and two-year-old **Eric**. Jerry's second son, **Mark McPherson**, lives in Gladstone, MO, and works for the Post Office. Jerry's daughter **Krista** and her family live in Lawrence. "She teaches," Carolyn said, and her husband, **Glenn Robertson**, is a chiropractor." Krista & Glenn's two children are five-year-old **Justin** and two-year-old **Emily**.

Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants:

Gary Hummer of Amarillo, TX., wrote Oct. 29, sending along obituaries for two family members. "Information included the deaths of **Gary Conley** and **Emmett Hummer**.

Gary was the son-in-law of **David D. & Mary V. Hummer** (**Florence** is their youngest child). **Gary** died of a ruptured myocardium.

Emmett was the grandson of **Clement & Martha Hummer**. He lived in Frmons, KS. **Emmett** had a massive heart attack several days before his death.

This has been a rather grim year,, with the loss of **David Hummer**, my brother), **Gary**, and **Emmett**. Hopefully, 1998 will be better."

The Kimmel connection: Other Kimmel cousins

Franklin Kimmell wrote Sept. 9 from Knnett Square, PA: "...We Kimmells are still being from the unfair and unfounded blame that was charged to **Admiral Husband Kimmel** for the Pearl Harbor defense and attack that initiated our entrance into WWII. A new book, *Scapegoat*, by **Edward L. Beach**, outlines the events that led up to the attack and how our famous relative was made the scapegoat.

There is a Kimmell Cancer Center at the Thomas Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. Gotta run."

Mc Fox wrote from Arcola, IL on Sept. 11:

It has been pleasant to enjoy the August 1997 newsletter. Hopefully I will be able to attend the 2000 reunion, although I am not a direct descendant of **David & Leah Kimmel**.

"Sometime ago I sent and you published an article entitled *The Saga of Three Kimmels*. I am still working on the positive proof of the ancestry of my gg grandfather, **Nathan Ashworth Kimmel**.

"My wife and I spent four days in Dayton in July. We thoroughly researched the Kimmel family in Montgomery County, OH., especially in the period from 1806 to 1841. Although I still found no actual proof that **Samuel Kimmel**, son of **David** (1763-1827) is the father of my **Nathan**, circumstantial evidence certainly indicates such.

"Proof exists that **Samuel s/o David** was living in Oct. of 1830 and also a court record filed in 1831 says clearly that **Samuel** was living in 1831 in Montgomery County. So it appears that **Samuel s/o David** must have gone back to the Dayton area and lived with his relatives there.

"I am writing an article about my findings. One record of significance to descendants of **David** (1763-1827) relates to his son **Jonas**. **Jonas** was born in 1797 and died in the fall of 1829. He left a widow, **Mary**, and two children, a boy named **Daniel** and a daughter named **Hannah**. I think these were the only children of **Jonas**. (One record said **Jonas's** wife was **Elizabeth Wolf**. All court records call her **Mary** or **Maria**; so her name must have been **Mary Elizabeth**. I do think she was **Wolf** prior to her marriage.)

"We visited the Bear Creek Cemetery and found the graves of **David & Barbara Kimmel**. Someone had written that **Barbara's** stone was in a pile under a tree. However, we found the stones erect and situated side by side. Evidently, if the stone had been in a pile by the tree, someone had reset it, although there was no evidence of re-setting.

"We also found that a **Jacob Kimmel** was in Montgomery County, OH., very early. I have not been able to identify who that **Jacob** was. His wife's name was **Mary**. I thought at first that it was **Jacob** 1757-1824; however, the **Jacob** in Montgomery County was there until at least 1830. Both **Jacob** and **Mary** signed deed when their property in S20 T1 R6 was sold in 1830.

"If anyone can help with **Samuel s/o David** (1763-1827) or help to identify the **Jacob** in Montgomery County, OH 1814 or so to 1830, I would greatly appreciate the help.

"Will be glad to share information on the family of **David** (1763-1827). I have quite a bit of information on these families and surely someone out there is also descended from **Samuel**.

"One last question. Does anyone know who the **Margaret Kimmel** was who married **John Studebaker**? He was instrumental in the Christian Brethren sect which was a splinter group from the Dunkers. Two of their daughters married **Wiemers**..."

William Schwartz e-mailed us a note Sept. 7: "...The following material came from an article written for the 1957 Centennial Issue of the *Elkville Journal*. This was written by **Rodger Q. Kimmel**, a descendant of **George**

& **Juliana Ruby Kimmel**:

"The father of the Elk Township Kimmels was **Henry & Maria Rosina (Geeting) Kimmel**, a son of **George & Juliana (Ruby) Kimmel**.

The father of the Elk Township Schwartzes was **Edward & Sarah (Pyle) Schwartz**, son of **Jacob & Catherine (Kimmel) Schwartz**.

An interesting sidelight regarding the children of **Henry & Maria Kimmel** and of **Edward & Sarah Schwartz** was the fact that three of the Kimmel children were to marry three of the Schwartz offspring. Each marriage called for an additional homestead, and eventually there were at least ten homesteads of **Kimmel** and **Schwartz** families, amounting to around 2500 acres of land, completely surrounding the town of Elkville, excepting to the northwest." <wschwartz@micron.net>

We have a letter from **William A. Schwartz** of Garden Valley, ID: "I received my first copy of the Kimmel newsletter the other day and now I have questions.

"The information that I have gives **Johann Michael Kimmel's** date of death as 1734.... I would also like to know where the picture of **Johann Michael Kimmel** came from...

"I have been in Columbia. I have a son that went to college there. He taught there and also got his Masters and Doctorate there. I assume that your maiden name was **Bower**. I have **Bower** ancestors that were born in Maryland and lived in Stark County, OH. This **Bower** was named **Mathias Bower**, and his wife was **Catherine**. I haven't been able to get back any further as yet."

Kelly Rababy e-mailed us back in Oct.: "I'd like to get the newsletter for the family history... Let me give you my connection: My grandfather **Wilburn Snider** was s/o **Albert s/o George Washington & Malinda Godwin**. **Malinda** was d/o **John Godwin & Catherine Louisa Kimmel** (b. c1823). She was d/o **Daniel & Catherine Hunsaker [Kimmel]**. **Daniel** was s/o **Philip** (b. 1756) s/o **Johann Philip** (b 1724) s/o **Johann Philip** (b 1695) s/o **Johann Michael** (b. 1662)....

"Do you know anything about the family during colonial times? Did any of them fight in the Revolution? Were they farmers or craftsmen? What brought them here from Germany? I would love to find out more..." <drababy@pilot.infi.net (Maj David Rababy USMC)>

From **Nancy Howard Lonsinger's** Sept. 9 letter: "Does anyone know **Mary Hoffman's** parents' names and dates of birth? I am also searching for **Jacob Kimmel's** son, wife's parents' names & dates. **Solomon Kimmel** (b Jan 5, 1786- d 1834/36) wife **Mary Catherine Good** (b Aug 8, 1788, d Feb 23 1882) in Jenners-town, PA." She adds: "Do you have **Jacob's DAR** papers? I'd like a copy of them if you do. Thanks."

Bea Hayes sent a note via Brethren@Rootsweb.com back in Oct.: "**Catherine Kimmel** b 9/8/1788, d/o **Michael Kimmel & Catherine Zimmerman**, m. **John Horner**, my gggg grandfather. Have desc. info of **John Horner & Catherine Kimmel**. They lived apparently in Somerset Co. PA. Have a bit more on Kimmels, lots on Horners, no more on Zimmermans..."

Eleanor Kimmell Roubique e-mailed us a

note from <crobic@dnvr.uswest.net> on Sept. 7: "Just received the newsletter. Thanks again for all of your work. Interesting to note the *Noble News* item referring to early Albion High graduates. **Sidney Orville** (not Orva) **Kimmell** and **Albinus Nance Kimmell** were my uncles. Mrs. John Prickett (**Marjorie Louise Kimmell**) daughter of **Albinus N. Kimmell** lives in Albion, IN.

"I don't know where in Idaho **Kimmel Creek** is located, but I would venture to guess that one of my uncles, most likely **William B. Kimmell**, had something to do with it, since **Will, Orville, and A. N.** were located in Idaho with survey parties in the 1890's and early 1900's.

"I think that I misinformed you regarding the Four Corners. This is a National Monument. **Everett Kimmell** was the surveyor who established the correct location of the meeting of the 4 states. It is not named for any Kimmel(l). I fear you will be hearing from a lot of people regarding this, so we need to get our messages correct. His father was **Albinus Nance Kimmell**, the above named Albion, IN, graduate.

"I am glad to read about the reunion. Sounds like a lot of fun. Maybe in 2000 we can make the party."

*We have a Sept. 11 e-mail from **Rick Judy** <rickcob@juno.com (Richard M. Judy)> inquiring about his Kimmel antecedents: "The Kimmel name has come up recently. My great-grandmother was one but we know nothing beyond that generation.*

*"The limited information that I have: **Elizabeth Kimmel** born 1861 Somerset Co. PA died 1931, **Garrett, Somerset Co., PA. Married Nelson Jost (Yost) Judy** (b 1853, Somerset Co. PA) in late 1870's. Any information on her parents and previous generations would be greatly appreciated."*

Lloyd Kimmel of Bedford, IN sent a note along with his dues renewal: "Not certain when it's due, but did not want it to run out. Reunion looked like a grand success.

"Could you put me in touch with someone in **Samuel Kimmel** family from Iron County, MO, **Martin Kimmel's** son? Our connection is also **Martin's Philip & Rebecca (Bond/Beard) Kimmel**, to be more specific **Elijah** (Martin's brother)....

"We have much info on **Philip Kimmel**, Dubois County, IN." **Lloyd's** address is given in Mail List Changes, above.



Above, old Kimmel house at Kimmelton, PA. Below, Stanford Kimmel Sr. poses in front of Kimmelton road sign.

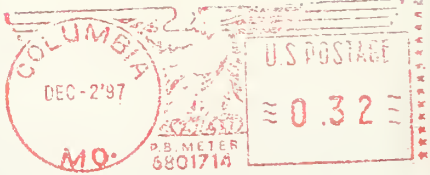
From **Stanford L.Kimmel Sr. & Lucille Wolff**

Kimmel of White Marsh, MD., we have some snapshots and a letter.

"The place shown in these photos is in southwestern PA. It is located about 8 miles north of Somerset, PA., and 1 mile south of Stoystown, PA.

"This little town was named after my grandfather, **Lafayette E. Kimmel**, who is a direct descendant of **Michael Kimmel**, the progenitor of the Kimmel family in America. Hope this bit of information will be helpful."

Pamela Westfall of Concord, CA sent a lengthy printout of her Kimmel records (too fat to reprint here), along with her subscription payment and a note: "Thanks for directing me to **Tim's** website. It's wonderful!"



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JOSIAH KIMMEL, HENRY KIMMEL AND ANDREW WHITMER FEATURED IN 1898 SOUVENIR EDITION

Two of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel's sons and one of their sons-in-law were profiled in the "Souvenir Edition" of the *McLouth Times* published Nov. 25, 1898, and reprinted in 1978 by that newspaper. Velma Smith Christensen, a Whitmer descendant sent us copies of the relevant pages. Selected portions include:

Josiah R. Kimmel

There is considerable in the life of Josiah R. Kimmel that could be told. The story would be of interest and would serve as an illustration of what a fellow can do if he can only command a little grit, some sticktoitiveness and bull dog pertinacity. One would hardly imagine that Josiah Kimmel's earthly possessions, at the time he set out in life to do for himself, consisted, aside from a little wearing apparel, of a pair of heavy loga boots. But such was the case. The first day of May, before he was twenty-one on the seventh, his father gave him a job on the farm for which he paid him wages and in addition, to set him out in life right, gave him the boots. He worked for his father and saved his money. Finally he and his brother, Henry H., went into partnership and run the farm for a year.

Henry then came west and Josiah went into partnership with his father, finally buying part of the farm, going in debt for it. He kept digging away, however, like a dog at a bone, and as dug out for himself the property he today owns. Josiah R. Kimmel was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, May 7, 1851



Josiah and Margaret Kimmel wedding photo

When about thirteen years of age he came with his father to this country and settled on a farm northeast of where McLouth now is. In the fall of the year following the family moved to the vicinity of Auburn, Sangamon county, Illinois, where they settled on a farm. Mr.

*in this issue: Daniel Whitmer, Josiah Kimmel, Henry Kimmel profiles from 1898 * Orlando Kimmell house B&B * Adam Kimmel * Palatinate history * family news * letters & more*

Kimmel had attended school some in Ohio before coming to Kansas; while here he was sent to school at Round Grove, and finished his education in the Sangamon county schools. In January of '82, he returned to this county, and on the twelfth of the month, was married to Miss Susan M. Magill of Leavenworth county, and took her back to Illinois with him. In 1883 he made a profession of religion and joined the Brethren (Reformed Dunkard) church. In 1885, following in the footsteps of his father, he took up ministerial work and has been a faithful laborer in the vineyard since. In 1893 he bought the farm he now lives on, one and one half miles north of McLouth, from his father, David Kimmel, and moved his family here. He at once united with the Brethren church and is one of the pastors, occupying the

This photo of the Henry H. Kimmel home in McLouth, Ks., appeared in an 1898 McLouth publication.



pulpit one-half the time. Five children have come to bless his home; but three are now living. Mr. Kimmel's home is pretty, the grounds being well kept and attractive... As a citizen, a neighbor and a friend Mr. Kimmel is all one could ask and in the confidence of the people he rests secure."

Henry H. Kimmel

"...The life of Henry H. Kimmel is teeming with lessons from which the young men of McLouth could well profit. He is the son of poor parents and was never afforded the opportunities and advantages given the children of the rich, but the 'I will' spirit was strong within him and he has lived to see his labors crowned with the success they so justly deserved. Honest, economical; careful, pains-taking, he has gone on from year to year constantly forging ahead.

"Henry H. Kimmel, the second son of David and Leah Reigle Kimmel, was born in Montgomery county, near Dayton, Ohio, April 23, 1853. In 1864, when Mr. Kimmel was eleven years of age, the family moved to Oskaloosa township, (Union being since cut off from it) Jefferson county, Kansas, and settled on a farm two and one-half miles northeast of McLouth. The next year, '65, they moved to the vicinity of Auburn, Sangamon county, Illinois. Mr. Kimmel's education was acquired at the district schools of three states. In 1878, in company with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bowman (Mrs. Bowman being his sister) Mr. Kimmel returned to this community and located on the same farm upon which his father had settled in 1864. When he arrived here in '78 his earthly possessions consisted of one team, a wagon and a few plows. But he was determined to win in the battle of life and went manfully to work. That summer he mortgaged his team, bought a Marsh harvester and began cutting grain for this people. In 1878 he returned to Illinois and on December 29 was married, at Auburn, to Miss Lydia Bowman. Seven children have been the result of this union, all of whom are living. In 1879 he and Mr. Bowman purchased the old Gilbert farm in Leavenworth county. They kept this property one year and then traded the same to Uncle David Kimmel for the property upon which they were then living. In 1881 he purchased the quarter-section upon which his present handsome residence is located and moved there in '83. From time to time he has added to his land holdings and his home place now contains 400 acres of the finest land to be found in Jefferson or Leavenworth counties. (This tract lies partly in both counties.) In addition to this he owns 233 acres

one mile north, and 610 acres five miles northwest of his home. Mr. Kimmel thoroughly understands farming and all his land is well improved and in a high state of cultivation. He is the 'Corn King' of this section of Kansas and annually produces more of that cereal than any other man in the county, his output in 1890 being 22,000 bushels. The illustrations accompanying this article will give you a faint idea of the improvements about Mr. Kimmel's home. His house was built in 1886. It is large and roomy and was constructed with an eye single to its convenience. The main building is two story, 16x24, and the "I" two story, 16x22 with wing, one and a half story, 16x24. The grounds on which the house is located are handsome and well kept. The main barn is 34x66 feet with a twelve foot shed on either end, making it ninety feet over all, while the implement barn, standing a little to the north and east, is 28x48. Extending along the east side of the main barn and the south side of the implement barn, and connecting both, is a large cattle shed 180 feet long, of the average width of fourteen feet. Two windmills furnish the water supply and pipes have been so laid as to conduct the water to convenient places. Mr. Kimmel's father was a straightforward, religious gentleman, and the moral training of the boy was not neglected. He is a member of the German Baptist Brethren (Dunkard) church, and is a firm believer in its principles and tenets. He is superintendent of the Sunday school. He was county commissioner for the purpose of condemning right-of-way for the Kansas City, Wyandotte and Northwestern railroad. He is a director of the Bank of McLouth. Mr. Kimmel is a thorough business man and with it, he is a gentleman. He is plain and unassuming and the years of his life in this community have been devoted to its upbuilding and its advancement."

Andrew W. Whitmer

"The substantial farmers of Union township are many and among the number Andrew W. Whitmer takes prominent place. His farm adjoins McLouth on the north and is as fine piece of land as one could desire. The house is two story 18x28 with an 'L,' one story, 14x16, used as a kitchen. Large barns and cribs are handy. Mr. Whitmer was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1860. He was reared on a farm in Pennsylvania; was educated in that state, and twenty years later, and a little better, the spring of 1881, he came to Sangamon county, Illinois, and settled in the vicinity of Auburn. The first two years of his life in Illinois he worked by the month and on December 20, 1882, he was married to Miss Mary A. Kimmel of Sangamon county. He then rented a farm and worked that for two years. In 1884 he bought an eighty acre farm and moved onto it. He farmed this and in addition rented ninety acres. Two years later, in 1886, he purchased the James R. Black farm, three miles northeast of McLouth. This

farm contains 160 acres. He lived on the Black farm one year and then purchased the John V. Druff farm, adjoining town on the north, and moved there. Five bright children have come into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer. Mr. Whitmer is a successful farmer and usually makes a success of all his undertakings. He trades some in stock and occasionally feeds a load or so. His fancy seems to lead to white face cattle and numbers of them, of all ages, from calves to four years old, will be found about his place. Mr. Whitmer is a young man of energy and push and is fully deserving of the success he has attained in life."

deaths



David Lee Kimmel 1952-1997

David Lee Kimmel of Seminole, OK., died September 26, 1997 in an Oklahoma City hospital.

David was born January 27, 1952, in Ardmore, OK. He was the son of Henry David and Ann Millsaps Kimmel, the grandson of Louis H. and Margaret Edmonds Kimmel, and the great-grandson of Henry H. and Lydia Bowman Kimmel. David was 46 years old.

Surviving in addition to his parents, who live in Seminole, OK., are a sister, Margaret Kimmel Ledgerwood, and a brother, Stephen D. Kimmel, both of Oklahoma City.



Garland Kimmel 1910-1997

On Nov. 27, 1997, Garland Kimmel of Henryetta, OK., died at the Henryetta hospital. He was 87. Burial was in Duncan, OK.

Garland was born April 4, 1910, in Oskaloosa, Ks., the son of Louis H. & Margaret Edmonds Kimmel, and a grandson of Henry H. and Lydia Bowman Kimmel.

He married Naomi Rice Bowman on December 10, 1938. She survives. They would have celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary two weeks after his death.

Garland had been in ill health for several years, suffering through colon cancer, hip replacement surgery, major heart surgery, and a light stroke.

In addition to his wife, two grandchildren, Douglas and Misty Keith, survive. Garland was preceded in death by the couple's only child, Betty Bowman Kimmel Keith.

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**Mary Don Smith
Sutley
1915-1997**

Mary Don Smith Sutley, a granddaughter of Andrew and Mary Anne Kimmel Whitmer, died January 8, 1997, at

St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre, SD, after a long battle with MS.

Mary Don was born July 27, 1915, to Charles and Edith Whitmer Smith of Hamilton, MO. She attended grade school and high school in Missouri and college in Kansas. She studied at Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, IL, and became a registered nurse.

On March 16, 1939, in Chicago, she married Carman Hall Sutley. They moved to South Dakota, where Dr. Sutley had dental offices in Burke, Lead, and Fort Pierre. Mary worked in hospitals at Burke, Gregory, Lead, and during World War II at St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre.

In 1955 the family moved to Huron, returning to Fort Pierre in 1966. For many years Mary managed the office for her husband's dental practice. She was a member of Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary, and Phi Sigma Alpha Sorority.

Survivors include her five children, Stephen and wife Maree of Augusta, GA; Stuart of Los Angeles, CA; Michael and wife DeAnn of Edina, MN; Patrick and wife Winnie of Ft. Pierre; and Rebekah Sutley Craddock of Sioux Falls. Two sisters, Velma Smith Christensen of Seattle WA and Hazel Smith Kaufman of Los Angeles, CA. survive.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband in 1986, one brother, one sister, and one grandchild.

There are 10 living grandchildren: Stephen's children Shelly Sutley of Denver, CO; and Barney Sutley of Augusta, GA; Stuart's children Morriah and Malissa Sutley of Los Angeles, and Jennifer Sutley of Las Vegas, NV; Michael's children Kristen and Kelly Sutley of Edina, MN; Patrick's children Jessica and Megan Sutley of Ft. Pierre; and Rebekah's son Cade Craddock of Sioux Falls, SD.

**Dr. Bevan Kimmel
1932-1997**

Dr. Bevan Kimmel of Lakeside, OH., a *Kimmel Family News* subscriber and a Methodist minister, died Nov. 22. Dr.

Kimmel was born August 8, 1932, the son of Kenneth and Lucille Huffman Kimmel.

His wife of nearly 44 years, Helen Harwick Kimmel, survives, as do sons Timothy Kimmel of Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Andrew Kimmel of Vernon Hills, IL; David Kimmel of Tiffin, OH; John Kimmel of Westerville, OH; and five grandchildren.

Dr. Kimmel received an M.Div. from United Theological Seminary in 1958, and his D.Min. in 1980 from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

TIM KIMMEL'S KIMMEL COLUMN

KIMMEL SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION #6-ADAM KIMMEL OF PHILADELPHIA, PA

Johann Adam Kimmel was born in Gimbshelm in the Palatinate in 1733 to **Jacob** and **Maria Barbara Heinrich Kimmel**. He came with his parents to America in 1751, married **Barbara Miller** at Lancaster in 1756. **Adam** farmed land near Ephrata in the 1750s, but by the mid-1760s had become a merchant in Philadelphia. As early as 1775 he was serving as contractor for supplies for the Continental Congress and the Continental Army. His own possessions were impressed into service; the Cloister at Ephrata was a supplier to the troops and, considering his family ties there, **Adam** no doubt transported those supplies, too.

Adam served as private in 5th class of Captain Charles Syng's Company of the 1st Battalion of the City of Philadelphia from 1777 until his death in 1778. He died at the temporary hospital that had been set up in one of the Ephrata Cloister buildings and was buried at the cemetery there. Most sources mentioning **Adam Kimmel** refer to him as 1st lieutenant in the 4th Pennsylvania Battalion, one of the troops at Fort Ticonderoga in 1776, but no actual record that I've seen shows him in that battalion. I believe he's been confused with his cousin **Michael Kimmel**, who gained his position as lieutenant in that battalion.

Some references say **Adam** was bankrupted due to the devaluation of the Continental currency the Congress paid him with. Still, he held property in Philadelphia that was sold and the value distributed among his children in 1787. Kimmel descendants through his son **Jacob** are in Schuylkill County, PA. The largest branch of double-L Kimmells descended from his son **Joseph**, and by 1900 were living in Noble and Dekalb Counties, IN; Madison County, MO; Marion County, IA; Oklahoma; and Idaho.

PEARL HARBOR UPDATE

"Everything that the Japanese were planning to do was known to the United States..." Army Board, 1944. So starts an intriguing work on a web page en-

titled "Pearl Harbor: Mother of All Conspiracies." Anyone who has been following the attempts to find out just who in America's military and government knew of Japan's planned attack on Pearl Harbor and why the word was kept from its commanders, **Admiral Kimmel** and **General Short**, will find this very useful. Mark Willey makes his point about as concisely as one can with the huge number of documents and variety of sources he had to review to present it. Find it at <http://www.clinton.net/%Emewilley/pearl.html>.

A FEW MORE KIMMEL LANDMARKS

I came across these Kimmel places and businesses outside the U.S. while "surfing the 'net'."

Hotel Kimmel, a 230-room hotel with a marina sits along the Pielisjoki River in downtown Joensuu, North Karelia, Finland. **Kimmel Authentic Country Delicacies Restaurant** is at 6 Hashahar Street in Tel Aviv, Israel. **Kimmel Park** with its golf course is at Bodelwyddan in the northern part of Wales, U.K. **Mount Kimmel** with its **Kimmel Glacier** is situated near Albreda, British Columbia, Canada. **Kimmel Creek** flows northward from the mountain to Canoe River.

And back in the U.S., some locations I missed in past articles: **Kimmel Lake** and **Kimmel Lake Road** are off of State Road 32 south of Sprott, MO (northeast of Farmington). **Kimmel Park** is situated in Midlothian, TX., at the place the Polytechnic Institute once sat. **Kimmel Park** is the name of a neighborhood in the north-central part of Henderson, KY. It was mentioned in the last issue and I should confirm that the location at the Four Corners isn't Kimmel, just the name of the final surveyor who determined where it lies. (The surveyor's name isn't there; my sister and brother-in-law would have noticed during their visit there last year.)



KIMMEL FAMILY HISTORY - PART 1

I imagine the best way to start the history of the Kimmels in America would be to explain why any Kimmel would be here in the first place. So, a very brief review of the situation in Germany in the 1600s:

Germany was not unified. Its emperor was determined by electors, the leaders of the most powerful of the numerous German states. His power was limited to support given by individual states. The states had the power and fought among themselves to maintain it. The



Reformation had happened, and each state determined its own religion, with Protestantism reigning to the north, and Catholicism to the south. Religious affiliation was a major cause for battle, and it was important to the electors--and to surrounding nations--that their religion had majority in vote for the emperor. Catholics held that power--barely.

The Palatine elector Frederick V determined the history of his state. The Palatinate was one of the stronger German powers when he succeeded his

father in 1610. Under Frederick the Palatinate was a



Calvinist state, making it one of the southernmost Protestant powers, surrounded by church lands and a natural target for Catholic forces to the

south and Catholic France to the west.

Frederick V married Elizabeth Stuart, daughter of King James I of England in 1613, solidifying ties to Protestant England. And his election as King of Bohemia so threatened the balance of power that it set off the Thirty Years War, which led to his being deposed as Elector Palatine, and to the devastation of the Palatinate. The depopulated Palatinate welcomed newcomers, and Protestants rejected by their own homelands came to repopulate the state.

Kimmels were already in the state when Frederick V was Elector: **Konrad Kümmel** was born in Oppenheim, Palatinate, in 1610 to his Hessian parents from Nidda. His grandson, the judge **Johann Michael Kümmel** (Kimmel) would be born in Alsheim in 1662.

The Palatinate's succession of Calvinist and Lutheran princes made it more tolerant of a variety of Protestant religious expressions. This changed when John William, a Catholic, became Elector in 1690 and began persecution of his Protestant subjects. He was followed by Charles Philip who, in an attempt to build a palace and court to match the splendor of Louis IV's Versailles, taxed the Palatinates into poverty.

Another land needed people--the English colonies. As early as 1677 William Penn had visited the Rhine area, promoting settlement in America. When battalions swept the Palatinate in later wars, England offered its colonies as a place of refuge for Protestant families. The War of the Palatine (1688-1697) sent Palatines emigrating to America. Next came the War of the Spanish Succession (1702-1713), plus the horribly harsh winter of 1708-1709 which inspired Queen Anne to invite Palatine Protestants to go to England to be resettled in New York and the Carolinas (and in Ireland).

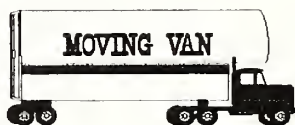
This brings us to the earliest known record of a **Kimmel** in America--the

1694 baptism of **Henry**, son of **Henry** and **Trinia Backers Kimmel** in New York City. (For the next issue.) --*Tim Kimmel*

OOPS! another correction from Jan Tompkins. Last issue I (wrongly) listed **Michel & Ester Kimmel's** descendants as including **Orlando** and **William Kimmell**, among others. All of which proves that I should have made the appropriate corrections in my computer records back in Nov. 1966, when Tim Kimmel outlined the descendants of the **TWO Joseph Kimmels born in 1769**.

One was the son of **Michael** (1736) and **Esther Asper Kimmel**; the other was the son of **Adam** (1733) and **Barbara Miller Kimmel**.

The **Joseph Kimmel** (1769) who married **Hannah Welde** was the son of **Adam & Barbara Kimmel**. **Michael and Esther's Joseph Kimmel** (1769) moved to Westmoreland County, PA, and most of his children eventually moved to Stark County OH. *Sorry!--Jan T*



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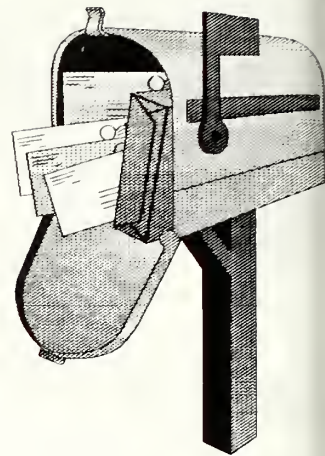
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Henry H. Kimmel descendants

A note from **Gordon & Betty Bower** of Lawrence, KS on December 12: "We have had a four-inch snow here that really looks Christmas-y."

"Our local newspapers had an article about **Adm. Kimmel's** son trying to exonerate his father's name in Dec, 7th newspaper. It was good to see it in newsprint, and I hope the article was published in all states.

"**Merry** was home for Thanksgiving. This week **Kerry's** husband is in Ft. Worth for a meeting of Santa Fe's engineers. **Kerry** is taking a cold, and **Gordon** had a nasty virus that led to a asthmatic condition but is almost recovered from that. Glad to hear **Donald** is doing better. How are **Bob Eileen**?

"Would you please encourage Kimmel relatives to express their wishes as to accommodations for next reunion? We understood they were leaning toward motels because of the heat in summer here. However, we have to guarantee so many rooms." *Note: Gordon & Betty Bower's address is 4100 West 13th Street, Lawrence, KS 66049. Gordon chairing the Kimmel Reunion 2000 committee.*

We have a Christmas card from **Frank & Mike Gualco** of San Francisco, CA: "May your Christmas be filled with warmth and love. Happy Holidays from Frank & Mike Gualco. P.S. Please send our wishes to **Jimmy** and the **Bowers**. Thank you for your letters concerning our mother **Ali**. I will get my backside off a chair and respond."



Don Bower of Wichita, KS. will be celebrating his 89th birthday on April 13. Rumors are that his kids are planning a dinner to mark the occasion.



ound in the columns of McPherson College Alumni News: "**Bob & Betty Schwalm Kimmel** '43, Fort Myers, Fla., celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on August 12, 1997."



John & Mary Lacey Kimmel Bower of McLouth, KS., were all over the pages of the *Oskaloosa Independent* recently. **Mary** was featured in a big photograph in the front page as one of three officers of the McLouth Women's Christian Temperance Union, just above the headline: "WCTU gives inside dope on marijuana."

A few weeks ago," writes reporter Tom Lister, WCTU's topic was marijuana. It's nothing new to **John Bower**. Growing up he saw marijuana growing wild in Jefferson County," apparently on most farms.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, **Bower**, a former state legislator, was on a subcommittee that studied efforts to eradicate the plant. Committee members kept asking what marijuana was. So on his way home from Topeka, **Bower** stopped his car near Williamstown, reached outside and picked a plant. The next day he threw it on the table in the committee room."

Admittedly, Jefferson County's wild variety "wouldn't carry the same effect as what's sold on the street," John was quoted. "Stronger strains have been developed for marijuana, just as they have been for wheat."

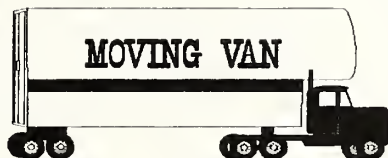
On another page of the same issue of the *Oskaloosa Independent* was **John Bower's** letter to the editor, apparently responding to a recent column "trashing the Christian Coalition."

...We conservative Christians are not a fanatic fringe of right-wing extremists, as often portrayed in the liberal press. There are at least 40 million of us. We are the salt of the earth, the bedrock of American society, the middle of the road. When we understand the issues, we are also doubtless the largest voting bloc in America... For the record, the Christian Coalition does not endorse candidates. What we do is circulate scorecards, showing voting records and answers to questionnaires on matters important to Christians, and let the voter make his own decisions. If elected officials do not keep their promises, we report that. We Christians are not subversives, 'infiltrating' local boards, etc.; we are responsible citizens, involving ourselves in government at

every level, from the precinct committee to the halls on congress. And we are making a difference. Even the President is speaking our language in public, though opposing much of our program...

"I am not sure that I know how to do it, but I am sure we need to restore to parents the right to control the education of their own children. That is not subversive; it is common sense."

An e-mail note from **Sharron Bower McGill** on February 7:



Gary and I are moving to South Dakota tomorrow. **Gary** decided to accept the City Rec job in Belle Fourche after all. We will appreciate being closer to Wichita. I feel like I need to be able to go home more often now.... We hope to be there by Tuesday..." **Sharron** says she's "been so busy putting things away" she hasn't had time to see much of the country around their new home, "but it's a real pretty area," about an hour away from Devil's Tower and from the Black Hills.

Sure enough, on February 18, **Gary McGill's** face was on the front page of the Belle Fourche newspaper. "New BFACC director is on board," says the headline. "The Belle Fourche Area Community Center's new executive director. Gary McGill, is now on board," writes *Post* reporter Joe Case. "McGill arrived in town Feb. 9 to take over the position..."

Citing Vern Bills of the city's Rec Board, the article goes on to say, "Bills said the board selected McGill from among 39 appliances. McGill was one of five candidates who came to Belle Fourche for interviews. 'All five had masters degrees and were highly qualified persons but we thought Gary was the best person for the job,' said Bills... Originally from Wichita, Kan., McGill graduated from Wichita State University in 1988 with a degree in Health Care Administration. He earned his masters degree in Education with an emphasis in Recreation Administration in 1992..."

After completing his masters degree, the article notes, Gary stayed on at Wichita State as assistant facilities coordinator, then spent three and a half years at the University of Washington in Seattle as operations coordinator of recreation facilities there. "He also taught Red Cross First Aid training and CPR at Wichita and was a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)..."

Virginia Bower Mason says you can now find information about her gallery, **Southern Artistry**, as part of Stone Mountain Village's webpage at <<http://www.stonemountainvillage.com>>

Out in Columbia, MO., the school bulletin announced, "Smithton

Performers Bring Home Trophies."

Cassie Tompkins was part of the Smithton seventh grade speech team competing and placed fourth in Storytelling at the Mexico Junior High School Speech Competition back in December.

In February, the team traveled to Oakland Junior High School Speech Tournament to compete in 14 events.

Cassie Tompkins was one of four members to advance to finals (Prose Reading) and was one of the four members of Smithton Performer Lip Sync Team, which received the first place trophy for their rendition of "Walk Like an Egyptian."

Josiah R. Kimmel

descendants:

A Christmas letter from **John & Mary Lacey Kimmel Bower**, of McLouth, KS: "1997 has been another good year at McLouth. The weather has been generally on the dry side, with few heavy rains, but there was no hot wind, and crops were pretty good. And again, Kansas was green all summer.

"In February, **Mary** and I celebrated our eighth anniversary. In March we went to Muskogee, OK., delivering a carload of donated clothing from our church to the Indian children's home there. On the way home, we visited briefly with **Pauline & Martin Duke** near Vinita. In April we went to Ness City for the midyear meeting of the WCTU. In June we were happy to have **Ken & Lola Kimmel** and **Marge Whitmer** spend a few days with us. They were here for the Kimmel reunion, held this year on the grounds of the McLouth threshing bee. About 100 Kimmel relatives were here, from as far away as Washington, California, Ohio, and Florida.

"In August I flew to Portland, OR., for a visit with **Ron & Jan**. I drove up to Tacoma, WA., for an overnight with cousin **Don Smoots** and Aunt **Doris Willis**. From there I went down the coast to Twin Rocks Friends Camp on the beautiful Oregon coast near Tillamook, for a reunion of the descendants of **David and Susan Bower**. More than fifty were in attendance, most of them from the west and northwest. I took an unplanned dip in the ocean when a wave came in farther than I expected.

"In September **Mary** and I attended the annual meeting of the Kansas WCTU. On Thanksgiving day we had dinner with Mary's daughter, **Judy**, and husband, **Dave Miller**, and **Dave's** parents at Oskaloosa. We enjoy attending some of the school functions and doing family things with **Judy** and **Sam** and **Amanda**, her kids.

"**Mary** still does some volunteer work at the nursing home and library in Oskaloosa. She is Memorial Secretary of the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union. I am chairman of deacons at the Baptist church, Sunday school teacher, and a director of the county historical society and the

McLouth Kiwanis Club.

"**Mary** and I move a little slower, but we are grateful that we can still go places and do things. We are thankful for the love we have found together, for family and friends who care, for a good community, and for our church, where we share the warmth of Christian love, and most of all that God loved us so much that he gave His only Son on that first Christmas, so that we might have life, full and rich and abundant. It is our prayer that the Love of god fill your hearts and lives at this Christmas season and bless you in the new year."

John adds: "How time flies! Here it is Christmas again and I am not ready. We had about six inches of snow on the ground and it looked like a white Christmas this year, but it has warmed up and will soon be gone. Snow is pretty, but I could do without it. One of the best things about our life here is a warm house next to our gas well. A basement garage means no ice to scrape and a warm car to start. A mile to town does not warm up a car much. We now have a good food store in town and we are thankful for that."

"I have been fighting a sinus infection--not sick and not well--just cough, cough all the time. The antibiotic is slow to take hold. I missed church two weeks but was able to sing in our choir cantata Sunday morning. **Mary** fusses over me like a mother hen with only one chick. It doesn't get any better than that!

"I have talked with **Donald** two or three times since he went into the care home. He seems to be doing all right now. He was always so self sufficient I was surprised he gave up driving and going to church..."

Another note: "**Mary** had a wonderful birthday February 9. Some of her family were here Sunday--**Judy** cooked dinner--and we met with some of her old school friends in Oskaloosa Monday..."

Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer descendants:

We have a Christmas card and note from **Marge Whitmer** of Modesto, CA: "...I have been home most of the year. In Nov. visited my sister and her family in Chattanooga, TN. Really had a wonderful Thanksgiving with them. Really don't see them as often as I would like. Also got to see my grandniece, a little girl named **Victoria**. Hope you have a wonderful holiday."

From **Charlotte & Ritch Davidson** of Roseville CA we have a check and a Christmas note: "...Two years ago we were in the midst of moving so it's nice to be feeling settled in and enjoying our 'Sun City' life. I have a very interesting and varied job at the Info Desk at our Lodge here. Only about 15 hrs/wk but fun. And I continue with Police Dept volunteering, processing info re police time used up with false security alarm calls. Quite a change from many years of crisis counseling volunteering that I did before our move, but I like variety in what I do. I'm also active in a new

community church being developed here in Sun City Roseville. All best to you in '98."

From **Rebekah Sutley Cradduck** of Sioux Falls, SD, we have a March 15 e-mail: "Well, now that you are on email, getting caught up with you will be easy. First, I am **Rebekah A. Sutley Cradduck**, daughter of **Mary Don Smith Sutley**, daughter of **Charles & Edith Smith**... I am not sure that you are aware, but my mother passed away last year."

Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants:

A December 10 note from **Treela June Hummer Vaughn** of Lexington, OK, who sent in an address change: "I am one of the **Martha Kimmel Hummer** descendants and have enjoyed your letter in the past very much. The more I receive in the mail the more I look forward to the next one... I am the second daughter of **Harold Hummer**..."

other Kimmel cousins:

the Kimmel connection



Died Nov. 15, 1997: **Edwin B. Kimmel**, 77, of Shelocta PA, as reported in the *Brethren Messenger*.

Nancy Howard Lonsinger of Sun City Center, FL, sent a note and obituary. "A neighbor sent me the enclosed OB of **Dr. Bevan D. Kimmel**. This man was in the best of health, and I was shocked to say the least! It was great having another Kimmel living so close who was also searching the same line. I really enjoy your publication and hope it isn't too taxing on you. This has been Florida's coolest winter, but it sure is better than any northern winters I've experienced."

"I haven't heard from any others searching the Kimmel's spouses...I thought surely someone would have parents of those spouses that they could share with me. **Mary Hoffman**, wife of **Jacob Kimmel**, and **Mary Catherine Good**, wife of **Solomon Kimmel**."

Joan Kimmell Furtaw of Alexandria VA wrote Dec.29: "I am Joan Kimmell Furtaw, sister to **G. Franklin Kimmell**. I have been working on the several hearings (1941-1945) on the unfair dismissal of **Admiral Kimmel** at Pearl Harbor. So far, I have collected an extensive library of material, have corresponded with some of the authors, delved into archives of the Navy Yard Museum, and amassed a wealth of information. I intend to continue the fight for **Adm. Kimmel's** honor, even though many have ceased their struggle. I would be happy to share any of this information. I may someday publish what I have found."

A note from **Kelly Rababy** of Virginia Beach VA: "Please put me on your subscription list... Can you tell me how I can get that book you told me about, *Two Centuries of Brothersvalley Church of the Brethren 1762-1962*? My local library doesn't have it, so I'll check the LDS library on Tuesday. I'm sure I could get it through the library but I don't know from where..."

From **Robert F. Heisler** of Willard, OH on

December 5: "...Even though I'm not a descendant of **David & Leah Riegel Kimmel** I do enjoy reading the various items that pertain to all Kimmels. A few of my ancestors have been mentioned on different occasions, namely **Johann Adam Kimmel** (1733-1778) and his wife **Barbara Miller** (1730s-1794). **Adam** served in the American Revolution and died at or near the Ephrata Cloisters during the war. His father, **Johann Jacob Kimmel** (1705-1784) was one of the leaders of the Gimbsheim Awakening, with **Heinrich Lohman**, in Germany. He was mentioned in an article on our religious heritage in an edition of the *Kimmel Family News* earlier this year. Thanks to the recommendation of **Eleanor Roubique** (who I figured out, is a third cousin to my late grandfather, **Frank Bevier Sr.**), I ordered a copy of "**The Kimmel Family of the Cocalico Valley**" by **Clarence E. Spohn**. Eleanor was right when she mentioned in the May 1997 newsletter that this booklet was very informative. It even has some pictures in it."

"My last comment is on a line in the November 1997 newsletter that states that **Joseph Kimmell Sr.** (1769-1843), husband of **Hannah Welde**, was a son of **Michel & Ester Asper Kimmel**. According to family group records compiled by a distant cousin, **Michael M. Rohrer**, our ancestor **Joseph** (1769-1843) is a son of **Johann Adam Kimmel** (1733-1778), the Patriot I mentioned earlier. There was confusion over two **Joseph Kimmels** that was addressed in an earlier newsletter this year or last year--both born in 1769. **Charles A. Messner** discovered this discrepancy and related the stories of each one in his 1967 work, "Records of the Kimmel and Related Families." My ancestor settled in Stark County OH while the son of **Michel & Ester Kimmel** settled near Greensburg, PA. I'm not certain of the descent of **Sen. William F. Kimmell**, but I know that the **Hon. Orlando Kimmell** is a descendant of **Joseph & Hannah Welde Kimmell**, and therefore **Johann Adam & Barbara Miller Kimmel**, not **Michel & Ester Asper Kimmel**.

"I would also like to thank and congratulate **Tim Kimmel** of Ft. Wayne, IN., for all his hard and diligent work in keeping track of all of us and for compiling all the material. He has sent me several updated packets in the mail over the last year, and I appreciate his time and concern. Now he has the **Kimmel Genealogy Website** which should aid anyone looking for their Kimmel connection. We are all fortunate to have Tim and his expertise committed to our extended family and its preservation."

Ron & Maxine Kimmel of Montana sent a Christmas card: "Merry Christmas! So enjoyed our time with you this summer. Especially enjoyed this last family newsletter. We have gotten a Kimmel nephew interested in researching Kimmel families and wish to order the Kimmel Family News for him for Christmas. His name is **Eddie Kimmel**, Frenchtown, MT..."

A T & Betty Kimmell of Topeka, KS, sent a December 19 note: "It's time to renew our subscription to the *Kimmel Family News*. Although we belong to the 2-I'd Kimmells--coming down from **Johann Jacob's** son **Adam**, we feel a real relationship with all those other distant cousins."

"We visited Ephrata this past summer. A wonderful place that has been restored and tells us many things about those that originally came to America. We are making plans to visit Gimbsheim, Germany in May."

nice fat letter from **Leanne Kimmel Toth** of Hampton, PA on December 30: "Hi! My name is **Leanne Kimmel Toth**, and I am certain that, if we were to go far enough back, we are probably related somehow! I received two copies of your wonderful *Kimmel Family News* from my uncle, **Alvin F. Kimmel** of Wyomissing, PA....We are descended from the **George Jacob Kimmel** who was described in your November 1997 newsletter on pages 3 and 4. Our immigrant ancestor was **Johann Jacob Kimmel**, married to **Dorothea Bechtel (?)**, who arrived on the ship **Brothers** at Philadelphia PA, sailing on October 2, 1750. Our chain of ascendancy then goes as follows:
Johann Jacob Kimmel (? -1793);
George Jacob Kimmel (1 Oct 1764-14 Aug 1825);
Samuel Kimmel (6 Apr 1802-20 Jun 1868);
William Kimmel (1 Jan 1832-28 Feb 1886);
Alvin F Kimmel Sr (22 Feb 1863-21 July 1931).

My uncle, **Alvin F. Kimmel, Jr.**, and my father, **LeRoy Dale Kimmel**, are the sons of **Alvin F. Kimmel Sr.** My father and his sister, **Wanda Kimmel Hoffman**, still live in Lewisburg, PA. There are also several other Kimmels still living in the area, among them **Gerald Kimmel** and **David Kimmel** in my ancestral line.

The **Kimmel Church of God** that was mentioned in the August 1997 News is now known as **Kimmel Evangelical Free Church** and is located on **Kimmels Road** in Lewisburg, PA.

Our old Kimmel family farm, now no longer owned by us (it was sold in 1949) still remains, but not as large as it once was (when my grandfather owned it, he had over 100 acres). Part of the land now houses the Blue Mountain Elementary East and Blue Mountain Middle School buildings. I am getting a copy made of a photo of the old farm from around the 1890's and I will forward it to you at a later date.

I am enclosing a check for a subscription to the *Kimmel Family News*. Although I am not directly related to all you Kimmels out West, it certainly is good to know that the Kimmel clan is not only alive and well, but kicking up quite a bit of dirt out there!

I would love to correspond with anyone who is descended from my **Johann Jacob Kimmel** or **George Jacob Kimmel** listed above. I am always looking for long-lost relatives and continuously trying to fill out my family tree ever since my father.

Lawrence, KS, in July 2000??? I'm marking the date on my calendar already! Good Lord, I'll be there to meet more Kimmels. If there is anything I can do to help out, please do not hesitate to call me....

S. I was in Germany in May 1997, and in the city of Mainz, I passed a building which had on the front, in big letters, **'DENTAL-ABOR KIMMEL'!!** I will also send a copy of this photo at a future date."

February 18 note from **Ron & Maxine Kimmel** of Ronan, MT: Enclosed is \$5 for a year's subscription for Ron's cousin in Ohio. We've talked so much

about your newsletter and she's very interested. Since she just had a birthday, we thought it would be a nice present.

"Thought we'd let you know our son **Evin Kimmel**, his wife, and young son are now in Saudi Arabia working for a subsidiary of McDonnell Douglas. I send him copies of the articles from the Family News and he continues to work on the family tree, enjoying it as much as we do. Hope this note finds you well, and a big hello to all we met in Kansas last summer. Looking forward to the next reunion."

Eleanor Kimmell Roubique sent along a newspaper clipping concerning **Earl Kimmel** of Oklahoma City: "The enclosed print was given to me by an Oklahoma City friend. Thought you might like to have this... Quite an interesting business. How was the reunion? At the time of the event, we were busy with all the grandchildren from Ohio and cousins and other guests. Our little house in Pitkin was full. Denver Chapter NSDAR had a ceremony at Buffalo Creek, CO., to honor the signing of the Declaration, so the 4th was a busy day. I think that I owe you for this year's subscription so am enclosing a check."

"BECOMING MR. MOM NOT A SIMPLE TASK," is the headline on an article by **Leonard Jackson** in *The Daily Oklahoman/Oklahoma City Times* for August 13, 1997. **Earl Kimmel**, 35, "is the only male operator in Cleveland County of... a family day care home. He believes he may be about the only one in the state."

Earl operates "Mr. Mom," a small day care home, "as distinguished from the larger child care centers." He went into the business 18 months ago after he and his wife **Brenda** "had trouble finding a suitable place to leave their daughter, **April**, now 4."

Kimmel doesn't fit the image of the usual day-care provider, writes Jackson. "Though short of stature, he has a commanding voice and a mustache." He provides evening as well as day care, and he believes that children need activity. "He... takes the group on field trips several times a week. They go to zoos, the Omniplex in Oklahoma City, fire stations and parks. Kimmel also takes them to the Norman Public Library all the time."

From **Frances & Hobart Kimmel** of Dayton, OH, a February 3 note: "Can't believe I'm so

far behind with my subscription payment to the Kimmel Family News. Looked in my checkbook and July 15, 1996, was my last payment...We had our 50th anniversary last August 10th with a great day of celebration. The girls from church along with our daughter wouldn't let us do anything, but we had to add a little excitement. Couldn't get our car started to go as we planned. So they had to come after us. Was a little embarrassing to see lots of people already there and we were late. Ha. Do you remember we were going to VA 2 weeks after we were there to my family reunion. We had a great time, great weather and great turnout. 350 there. Could have been over 500."

KIMMELL HOME BECOMES BED AND BREAKFAST

by *Tim Kimmel*

Orlando Kimmell's large Italianate home on the hill by a curve of the highway between Wolf Lake and Kimmell, IN., was opened as a bed and breakfast last fall. The house was built in 1876. Several outbuildings were built, including barns, an ice house and summer kitchen. Sugar maples were planted along the outer border of the woods out back and still supply maple syrup.

The Kimmells (double-L) came to Noble County from Stark County, OH., about 1850. They were merchants and land-owners who were highly involved in local politics. They owned properties throughout Albion, printed the local *Albion Advertiser*, and held public offices from postmaster to trustees. Family members were also a part of the "regulators," state-authorized companies of men organized to protect the county from a highly organized band of criminals that had set up headquarters there.

Orlando Kimmell married Jane White in 1856 and, over the next couple of decades, acquired over a thousand acres of Sparta and York Townships; the house sits in the center of this land. Orlando was a prominent member of the





Ice house behind the Orlando Kimmell home now serves as a medical museum holding equipment collected by current owner Shirley Hile.



During the recent holidays, a Christmas tree, each decorated with its own theme, stood in every room in the house.

The address for the Kimmell House Inn is

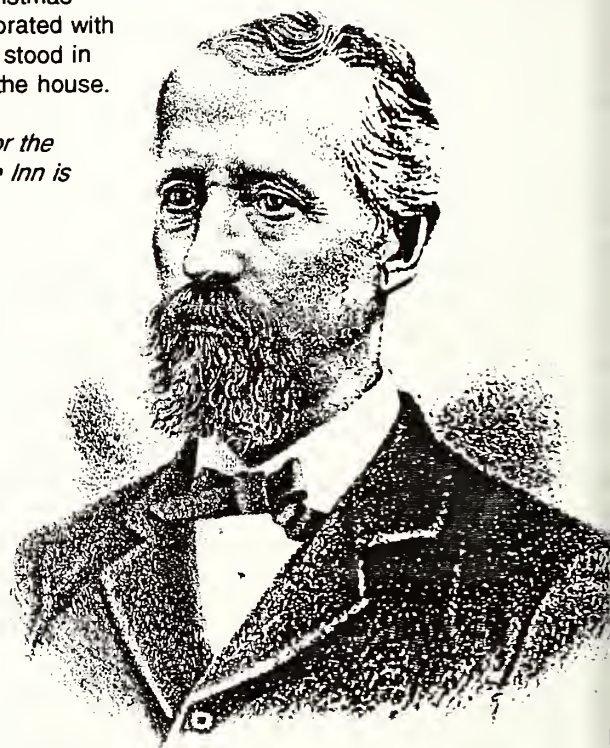
Republican party there. He served as township trustee and Noble County commissioner. He was elected to the Indiana Legislature in the 1877 session to push for a new railroad to be built through nearby Sparta. The effort was successful, and Sparta was renamed Kimmell in honor of the deed.

*1397 North US 33,
Kimmell, IN. 46760.
Arrangements for
lodging can be made
by calling proprietor
Shirley Hile at (219)
635-2214.*

The Orlando Kimmell family donated a large sum to build the Sparta Methodist Episcopal church (now United Church of Christ) south of the town. A towering monument guides visitors to their row of graves in the cemetery there.

Shirley Hile now owns the former Kimmell home. After some remodeling with an eye towards maintaining the home's original charm, she opened it as the Kimmell House Inn bed and breakfast.

The bedrooms were furnished with high beds and decorated with relics in keeping with the house's history. The rooms and social areas show off the house's walnut staircase, interior shutters, bay windows, a cozy den with its in-wall bookcases, and a



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REBIRTH OF BIG BOWER BARN RECALLS ITS 1930'S ORIGINS

by Gordon Bower and John Bower
When Dad and Mother, Earl and
Label Kimmel Bower, bought the
former Andy Whitmer farm north
of McLouth, KS., in 1919, their
principal agricultural enterprise
was producing Poland-China
vine breeding stock.

The south barn, which we called
the "hoghouse," was a long, low
shed with pens for sows and
growing pigs, with a square sale
pavilion for periodic hog sales on
the front end.

The post-war farm depression of the 1920's
diminished the profitability of that pursuit.
Farm commodity prices were down as
much as 75%, and normal farming
operations would not support the family.

Dad built himself a sawmill, which
furnished some income. With three
growing boys, he turned to dairying,
building up a herd of jersey cows as
rapidly as he could under the adverse
conditions.

We delivered bottled milk in town for a
time in the 1920's. The hoghouse became
a horse, cow and calf barn, but there was
need for another barn for hay storage and
cattle feeding.



Gordon Bower, John Bower, "second story men" at work building the Bower barn.

By that time, however, we were in the
great Depression of the 1930's, and money
was still scarce. The average annual
income in Kansas was less than \$400.
Women made clothing out of feed sacks.
Gordon remembers hearing neighbors,
husband and wife, discussing which would
spend the quarter they had between them
on Saturday night in town. There were no
jobs for kids fresh out of school.

Dad had been drawing plans for a barn for
several years. After Gordon graduated
from high school in 1932, Dad had three
able bodies: himself, John, and Gordon. It
was time. When the corn was laid by, we
headed for the timber on one of Grandpa
Kimmel's farms several miles away. There,
with saws and axes, we cut enough logs,
mostly oak, to make the barn frame and

hailed them home to season.

Then they were converted into boards and
timbers at our sawmill. Sand for concrete
was loaded in a wagon by hand and hauled
home from Fall Creek four miles away,
then mixed by hand in a "mixing box."

The main bay was 20 by 40 feet, 16 feet to
the plate with a 14 foot shed on each side.
The first construction job was the erection
of more than a dozen timbers surrounding
the hay storage area. These were oak,
"squared" in the sawmill. They were
heavy, some more than 30 feet long. Each
was set in concrete in a deep, hand-dug
hole, and braced in plumb position while
the cement hardened.

This was followed by internal framing,

which was
difficult for
us amateurs.
Driving
spikes into
hardened
oak was a
challenge.
Ordinary
carpenter's
hammers
were too
light.
Pulling bent
nails with a
bar was a
regular part
of the job.
Rafters for
the top
structure
were

The newly restored barns on what was the Bower farm until this year, viewed from the rear. On the left is the "big barn" built by
Gordon and John Bower in the 1930's. On the right is the older "sale barn" or hog barn with its unique clerestory windows.





Break time! John and Gordon Bower building the big barn, 1934.

Rafters for the top structure were fabricated by Dad on the ground and hoisted up to John and Gordon on the shed roofs, then raised and braced into position. This was our first experience at being "second story" men. When sheathing was added to the rafters, we were ready for the roofing metals.

The two railroads through our town had been abandoned, leaving bridges made of heavy pine or fir timbers, about 8 x 16 or 20 inches. Sawed into 1x8 boards, these made good boxing for the sides of our barn.

Then the corrugated steel roof went on. That too was a challenge. Where the sheets overlapped, it required driving a small nail through two thicknesses of metal. Both kinds of nails were hammered in the process.

The drought of 1934 provided us another opportunity. Most farm crops failed that year, including the second alfalfa hay crop. However, the plants did produce seed. After threshing (with our own threshing machine) and recleaning the seed off 30 acres, Father was able to trade the entire production to a Kansas City farm supply store for enough flat metal siding to cover the entire perimeter of the barn. Driving those short nails was another sore-finger job.

Pictured above are John and Gordon on the roof during construction in 1934, as well as the two barns as renewed this spring by the new owner. The Bower farm was sold this year by John and Gordon's older brother, Donald Kimmel Bower, to a contractor, who plans to build a house for himself on the property. The house built by Earl and Mabel Kimmel Bower in 1919 burned several years ago.

The new owner found the barns, framed of "native" lumber, still sound and chose to rebuild them, rather than tear them down, as happens to most old farm buildings. They will give storage for his trucks and equipment, as well as his antique Packards.

With new roofs and siding, they may last another 75 years. "The whole community is celebrating the restoration," says John.

Donald, John and Gordon Bower are grandsons of Henry H. & Lydia Bowman Kimmel, and lived on this McLouth farm from 1919 until they grew up and left home.

The other restored barn pictured, the "sale pavilion" or hog barn, was the first building Earl Bower built on the property. In fact, recalls Don Bower, the sale barn was built before Earl and Mabel Bower moved their family to

the farm in 1919.

An architecturally unusual barn, it features a cupola with 16 clerestory windows rising out of the roof. Those clerestory windows made for better light inside on the "sale ring" directly below. During the years that Earl Bower was in the purebred hog business, there was seating on three sides of the sale ring.

"At that time," says Don Bower, "Dad had catalogs printed advertising his registered Poland China hogs, with pictures and registration information." The big market, Don says, was high school vocational agriculture students, who often purchased a bred gilt.

"The purebred hog business is one of the reasons Dad established a sawmill on the place," Don recalls, "to make crates to ship the hogs." Nobody shipped by truck in those days, he says; everything went by one of the two railroads that ran through McLouth at the time.

The town was more prosperous back then, with two grain elevators as well as Dobbs flour mill sacking and shipping its own flour. During World War I, Don says, the federal government took over operation of both railroads, but after the war it abandoned both lines.

LOLA KIMMEL HONORED BY WASHINGTON D A R

Lola Kimmel of Federal Way, WA., was honored at the March 1998 State Conference of the

Washington State Daughters of the American Revolution, when she received their award for Outstanding Volunteer Community Service.

Besides her DAR activities, Lola dresses dolls for her doll club and the Salvation Army. She also refurbishes and dresses dolls for the Federal Way Women's Club, which in turn donates them to the local needy and homeless.

Lola, wife of Kenneth Kimmel, is a serious genealogical researcher who recently submitted documents to the DAR concerning Johann Philip Kimmel's service as a tax collector during the American Revolution.

For "All of you Kimmels who are interested in membership in the DAR," Lola tells us, she "has documented Revolutionary War service for Philip Kimmel of Bedford County, PA," and she encourages interested Kimmels to contact her at 370301 28th Avenue South, #2, Federal Way, WA 98003.

SANDERS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING JULY 26

by Beverly Sanders Muzzy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, McLouth, Ks., will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 26, at the Community Center in McLouth with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited.

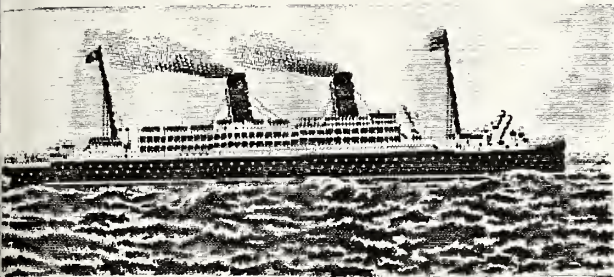
John Sanders and Zelma Tarr were married July 26, 1948, at the home of John and Agnes Bower by Rev. John Bower.

Zelma and John Sanders of McLouth, KS, will celebrate 50 years of marriage this July.



They have four daughters and two granddaughters. Having spent their entire married life farming, they retired in 1997.

The reception will be hosted by their family: Rick and Beverly Muzzy, Jay and Ronda MowBray, Ted and Lois Uihlein, and Jim, Glenna, Hannah and Molly Kaup. "The couple will treasure scrapbook memories and old photographs," their children say. "No gifts, please."



R.M.S. Carmania, passenger ship on which Henry H. and Lydia Bowman Kimmel crossed the Atlantic in 1907.

before the Titanic...

KIMMEL TRAVEL DIARY OUTLINES 18,000-MILE TRIP IN 1907

Just a few years before the *Titanic* started its famous voyage, back when ship travel was the only way to get from the United States to Europe, Henry H. Kimmel and his wife, Lydia, traveled from their Kansas farm across the Atlantic for a tour of Europe and the Near East.

Their 18,000 mile trip took them just under four months to complete.

Henry (1853-1948), a successful Brethren farmer, was one of the sons of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel.

Lydia (1858-1947) was a daughter of

Rev. Abraham L. Bowman and Barbara Hoerner Bowman. At the time of their trip, Henry Kimmel was 54, and Lydia, his wife, was 48.

Of their eight children, three were already married; still unmarried and presumably still at home were 20-year-old twin daughters, Letty and Nettie; 18-year-old Anna; 15-year-old Ray; and 8-year-old Leslie. A scrapbook containing postcards from the Kimmels to their children is now in the possession of grandson Don Bower of Wichita.

Their journey took them from Kansas to Chicago, to Niagara Falls, then to New York to board their Cunard ship—which happened to catch fire halfway across the Atlantic! Traveling with a small tour group of Brethren, their first European stop was England; then they crossed the channel to France, then on to Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Palestine, and Egypt, with some Mediterranean islands thrown in along the way before returning home nearly four months later.

Fortunately Henry and Lydia kept a travel diary of their once-in-a-lifetime trip. After their return to Kansas, the couple sometimes gave joint lectures about their trip and later privately published their 88-page book (including photographs) about their trip.

Following are excerpts from the book *A Trip Through Europe and the Orient* by Henry H. and Lydia Kimmel:

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 4, 1907. --Left home this morning, bade farewell to friends and children and boarded the train about 8

o'clock. Spent the day in Kansas City and went to see our daughter Nettie who had recently undergone a slight surgical operation. She was getting along nicely, was able to go to the depot with us. We left Kansas City at 6 p.m. over the Milwaukee for Chicago.

CHICAGO, THURSDAY, Sept. 5. --We slept fine last night. Had breakfast in the dining car, had hot cakes, maple syrup and coffee. Did not drink out of the finger bowl, as J. C. did. Some of the corn along the way is not good at all. It does not look like Jefferson County corn. Arrived in Chicago at 8 a.m., transferred to Michigan Central station and checked our baggage, then took Indiana Ave. car for Indiana Ave. and 39th St. We got off at the Old Ladies' Home and went across to Michigan Ave. and looked at the house where I was a servant girl thirty years ago. I looked up to the windows in the third story that I washed on the outside, sitting on the window sill, with Mrs. Poley on the inside, holding my feet to keep me from falling. We are now sitting in Drexel Boulevard Park writing these notes.

One Sunday thirty years ago, Lottie Holsinger and I were in this park, she picked some flowers and I picked a leaf from a coleus. A policeman saw us, he searched our pockets and told us to be careful or we would get into trouble. We did not trespass any more.

After resting a while we, Henry and I, went up town and got our dinners, then to the Boston Store, an immense affair, and did some shopping, then went to the depot and looked out over Lake Michigan. We leave for Buffalo this evening.

FRIDAY, Sept. 6 --Arrived in Buffalo at 6:30 a.m. We checked the baggage, went to a "bum" restaurant and got breakfast, then took street car for Niagara Falls, a distance of 22 miles. It did not take more than half as long as it does to go to Leavenworth on the Southwestern. We took Belt Line cars, crossed the river to the Canada side and saw the grand sight. The Falls certainly are beautiful. The Belt Line cars make long trips along the river. Stopovers are allowed at all important points along the route. I am writing these notes on Queenstown Heights where Gen Brock was killed by the invading Americans. There is a monument 185 ft. high erected to his memory. We have a grand view of the surrounding country from here. Went on by the Royal Gorge Rapids--fine beyond description. The water in the Niagara River is green with purple tints, at the Gorge Rapids a pale green and white.

FRIDAY, Sept. 6 --We are now going along the beautiful Hudson River. The water is sky blue and is as smooth as glass. The scenery is fine on the opposite shore. We had breakfast on the dining car, had hot cakes and maple syrup (minus the maple) and garnished

Picture postcard showing First Class Dining Saloon of the ship Carmania, mailed by Lydia Kimmel to her family back home in Kansas, Sept. 17, 1907. Addressed to Miss Netty Kimmel, it reads: Dear children, we can see the coast of Ireland this morning and it looks good to us. We get to Liverpool this evening. We are all feeling fine now and having a good time this is a fine morning. The sunrise on the ocean was fine. We must soon pack up now. Will go to London tonight or in the morning. Love to all. Mamma."



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Picture postcard from Lydia Bowman Kimmel to her daughter, Mabel Bower, Sept. 9, 1907, from Niagara Falls: "Mabel we are going to visit some important people today. This evening we go on deck of ship. All well. Papa & Mama."

with a big miller bug, 25 cts. Mutton chops burned on the outside and raw inside, 60 cts. French fried potatoes warmed over, 15 cts. Coffee, 10 cts.

Arrived in New York at 10 a.m. and went over to Brother Miller's at the Brooklyn Mission.

SUNDAY, Sept. 8 --Went to Sunday school this morning. They have a very interesting school. Had a good sermon by Bro. Miller. We spent the day visiting with Brother and Sister Miller, Sister Howe and others. This afternoon two men and two women from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania came here, one of the men, Bro. Longanecker, is going with us. We went to Christian Workers' meeting, led by a Danish sister. Bro. Miller preached another good sermon. Mr. Murray and his bride came to church tonight. We were all surprised to see him bring a wife with him.

MONDAY, Sept. 9 --We left the Mission at 8:30 a.m. accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Longanecker, Mrs. Fackler, Mr. Graybill and Mr. Greiff. We went to the Cunard Line Piers, got on the *Carmania* and went through it. They were busy loading freight. We are now at the Cosmopolitan Hotel waiting for Mr. Murray. This afternoon we will go to the Aquarium and to Staten Island to see the Statue of Liberty. This evening we get on board the *Carmania* to stay a while.

ON BOARD CARMANIA, TUESDAY, Sept. 10 --We have been sailing about three hours and have met all the party. There are nine of us, Mr. Longanecker of Pennsylvania, Mr. Greiff of Dallas Center, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Wuerfele of St. Joseph, Missouri, Agnes Shearer and her father of Auburn, Illinois, and Henry and I. We like our new quarters fine. Our stateroom is all we could wish for. It is large enough for four persons but as the ship is not crowded, we have it to ourselves. It is so cool on deck, we must wear wraps. We saw our pilot get off the ship. He went down the side on a rope

ladder, got into a rowboat, was taken out to a steam launch, and then back to New York.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 11. --Had a fair night's rest. Got up at 6:30 and had breakfast at 7:00. Waiters serve tea and crackers on deck at 10 a.m., have dinner at 12 or 12:30, then something at 3 p.m., supper at 6, and cheese, crackers and tea at 9 or 10. Regular meals are enough for me. We have seen no seasick persons yet, have had a smooth voyage so far. The ocean is almost indigo blue, dotted over with white caps. Last night was very foggy. They blew the foghorns and stopped the ship about three hours on account of the fog.

THURSDAY, Sept. 12. --Fine morning. Ship rocked a little last night. I and some of the rest of the party ate some Finnie Haddie for dinner last night and it made some of us sick. That was our first experience in feeding the fish. Don't feel very well today. Had services in Bro. Murray's cabin last night.

FRIDAY, Sept. 13. --Slept fine last night. This is a beautiful morning. Some of the party saw a whale this morning but I did not. We just overtook and passed a boat, were close to it. It was a small affair compared with the *Carmania*. Our ship was on fire down among the cargo last night. They discovered it in the night and did not get it extinguished until 8 o'clock this morning. We heard quite a lot of noise in the night but did not know what it meant. They moved the steerage passengers to the other end of the boat. Some thought the fire had been smoldering ever since we left New York. They tried to put out the fire with steam but had to turn water in and drench that part of the ship then pump the water out again. It caused quite a loss. There is another boat in sight. We are out in midocean about half way across.

SATURDAY, Sept. 14. --Staid in bed all day today. Had no appetite and what I did eat was contributed to the sea.

SUNDAY, Sept. 15. --Had Church of England services on the boat today, w held in the dining room. The captain led the services. They don't have preaching but have responsive reading. All were supplied with books and all joined in the reading and singing. An feeling better.

MONDAY, Sept. 16. --Weather fine. Sun shining brightly. All on board are writing letters today. We get to Queenstown tonight, e we expect to mail letters and postcards. They are hoisting the luggage now from the hold of the ship. We have made a number acquaintances among the passengers. There will be a concert held tonight for the benefit of orphan children whose fathers lost their lives on the sea.

TUESDAY, Sept. 17. --Our last day on the *Carmania*. We passed Queenstown last night. A steam launch came out from there to meet the *Carmania* and took the mail, and passengers for Ireland. They left us at 2:30 last night. I got up in time to see them speed away. Could see the lights on shore. This morning we could see cities on the coast. Everyone is happy and packing up getting ready to leave the ship. Wrote seven postcards this morning.

LONDON, Sept. 17, 10 p.m. --We reached Liverpool at 5 this evening. Everyone was glad to set foot on shore again. Mr. Jam Nissaire who is to be our guide and interpreter met us at the landing. We went to the Custom House where they went through a sham examination. We did not have to open part of our baggage at all. Our train for London was waiting, there always a train from there to meet steamers. The trains are different from ours at home. There is a hallway along one side and the coaches are divided into small sections, each compartment large enough to seat eight or ten persons. Mr. Nissaire had two compartments reserved for us. Distance from Liverpool to London is 182 miles which we made in 3 hrs. and 45 min. Hotel arrangements were all made beforehand. Went to Inns of Court Hotel, a very large building, wide halls and stairways with stairs of marble. Very high arched ceilings and massive stained glass windows. Palms everywhere.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 18. --Had breakfast 9 a.m., then went to British Museum and saw many things that were new and wonderful to us. Saw the mummy of Cleopatra, a comb and remnant of a wreath in her hair, also images of the Caesars and many other things. The streets in London are narrow and so crowded with wagons, cabs, omnibuses, automobiles, hansoms, &c, that one can scarcely cross the streets times. We have seen no street cars yet. They have them, but mostly underground. There are double decked automobile buses and some are drawn by horses. There are many lighted people here at this hotel, one can hear the swish of skirts as the ladies pass through the halls. Men wear the tall silk hat and long frock coat. We "not in it."

Balthasar and Margaret Winfield Kimmel at Rhinebeck, NY. The family moved to Schoharie in the mid-1760's, and **Balthasar** moved on to what is now Rensselaer County.

Balthasar served as private in the Fourth Company under Captain Jacob DeForest (DeFreest) in the Fourth Regiment under Colonel Kilian Van Rensselaer (a/k/a 2nd Renssealerwyck Battalion). The company was organized in October 1775; it appears it was later reorganized as the Sixth Company of the Sixth Regiment (a/k/a 4th Rensselaerwyck Battalion). The NSDAR has officially accepted Balthasar as a Revolutionary Soldier (application #567176 filed in 1972).

Balthasar married **Maria München (a/k/a Minnick)**. Their family lived at Brunswick, where they were members of the Gilead Evangelical Lutheran Church. Later, they lived at West Sand Lake and were members of the Lutheran Church. Most of these **Kimmel** descendants now use the surname **Campbell**.

KIMMEL FAMILY WEB SITE

The Kimmel Family Record on the internet at < <http://home1.gte.net/kimmel/genealogy.htm> > is still evolving. It's been online long enough that most search engines include it on their lists for "Kimmel" or "Kimmel family."

The **Kimmel Family Register** portion of the site is open to any Kimmel or Kimmel descendant who wants to share common interests with others in the family, share material on their own Kimmel line, or show off their own Web page. It now has an application form to fill out to place your name, lineage and address on the Register.

Also, I'm still collecting pictures of Kimmels born prior to 1900 and places related to Kimmels. A list of what I have ready for sharing (as a JPEG image) is now on my Web site. The collection is small but I hope to get contributions from all branches of the Kimmel family to enlarge the collection.

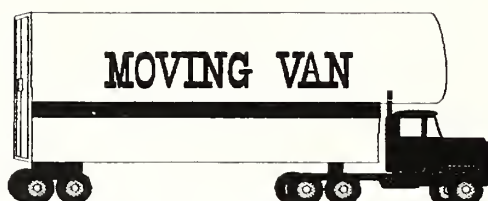
Most older family pictures are in the hands of a few people and are unknown to many other family members. I hope that making copies of the pictures more public and easy to get a simple copy of will keep the older pictures from becoming lost forever if something happens to the original photos.

I'm keeping scanned images in JPEG format which are small enough to send attached to e-mail. Of the pictures I scan myself, I keep an electronic copy reduced to less than 500 KB in size for sharing over the internet. The images are e-mailed to anyone requesting them from the list. Images you'd like to share can be sent to me at:

<kimmel@gte.net>

(I had considered collecting the actual photos--I still prefer getting duplicate photos--but the cost would be too great for the size of collection I'm after.) Images can be portrait photos, newspaper pictures, pictures of their homes or tombstones--whatever would be valuable to a family researcher.

Some of the images I have come from copies in extremely poor condition, and if you find a more original version of any I have, please let me know how I can get the better version.



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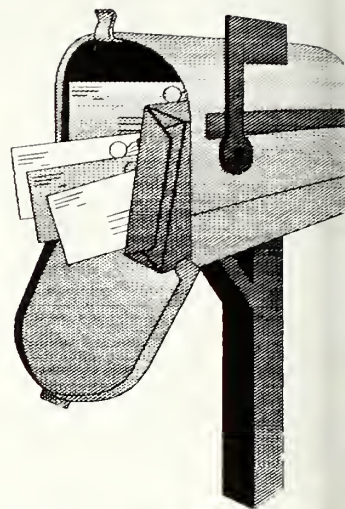
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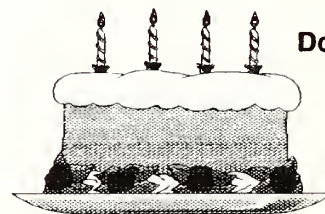
Taylor, Andy & Racheal, 1403 Frazier St., Valley Falls KS 66088-4014.



family mailbox

Henry H. Kimmel descendant.

A note from **Dick Kruse** of Ladoga, IN on April 5 with a new address: "Again I can't thank you enough for the effort you put forth to make this letter happen. We have built a new home in our subdivision here in Indianapolis... Family members are always welcome when in the area."

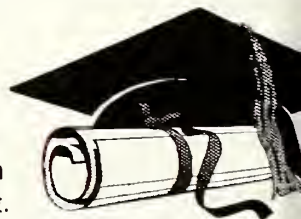


Donald Kimmel Bower of Wichita celebrated his 89th birthday on April 13. 20 members

of his family (four generations of them) surprised him on April 11 with a birthday lunch at the Waterfront Inn--among them his brothers and sisters-in-law **John D. & Mary Lacey Kimmel Bower** of McLouth, Ks, and **Gordon & Betty Thornton Bower** of Lawrence, Ks.

Also present were **Fred Bower & John F. Bower** of Wichita; **Virginia Bower Mason** from Stone Mountain, GA.; **Bob & Eileen Bower** and **Glenn Bower** also of Wichita, **Kenneth & Janice Bower Tompkins** from Columbia, MO; **Marilee Griffin Bower** of Wichita; **Sharron Bower McGill** from Belle Fourche, SD; **Mike, Deanna, Shaun & Cassandra Tompkins** from Columbia, MO. Great granddaughter **Jennifer McGill** missed lunch because she had to work, but arrived later.

Jennifer McGill graduated June 1 from Wichita High School West. Her parents traveled down from Belle Fourche, SD, (where Gary recently started a new job)



or the occasion.



In July, **Jack Randy) & Diane Mason**

and their children, **Tiffany, Jessica & Aaron**, will leave Illinois for Osaka, Japan, where Jack has accepted an engineering management position on a Caterpillar-Mitsubishi project. **Jack & Diane** traveled to Osaka earlier this year to find a house and to make arrangements for the children to attend a Canadian school in Osaka.

Virginia Bower Mason says she'll be a grandmother again this August. **David & Mason** of Flower Mound, TX, are expecting another daughter.

Mike & Deanna Tompkins and their family have moved into their new home on a heavily wooded lot on the outskirts of Columbia, MO. They did some of the labor themselves--not surprising since **Mike** is in the construction business and **DeeDee**, the daughter of a Colorado building contractor, used to help Mike paint interiors and roof houses. She put in hours of labor staining oak woodwork--enough to be thoroughly glad when the house was finally done.

While we have it on good authority that the two kids became harder to find as the construction work went on and on, son **Shaun** (who turned 17 June 3) was actively involved in building decks on three sides of the new house. And 13-year-old daughter **Cassie** helped her dad build an oak spiral staircase to the third floor--a beautiful architectural feature that **Mike** says he hopes no customer ever wants duplicated. (He's not sure he could do the same way again!)

In April, **Ken & Jan Tompkins** of Columbia, MO., traveled to Wichita for Bower's birthday party, then on to Fort Collins, CO., to help Ken's mom deal with a demolition project.

Rose Ivy Kimmel Whitmer descendants:

We have a letter from **Paul K. Whitmer** of Kansas City, MO on April 2: "...I thought I would send along a little news that relates to the **Rose Ivy Kimmel** part of the family. She was my grandmother on my dad's side. He was **Paul Kimmel Whitmer**. This has to do

with my children, or **Rose Ivy Kimmel's** great-grandchildren.

"My oldest son, **Timothy Paul Whitmer**, will be featured in a concert at Carnegie Hall in New York on November 15 of this year. **Tim** is an accomplished piano player and has played in many cities in the USA and several in Europe. He lives here in Kansas City.

"My youngest son, **Brian Joseph Whitmer**, is now the Partner-Executive Chef at Mooses Restaurant in San Francisco. He was recently featured on the CBS evening news with Dan Rather and has made several appearances on the Food Channel.

"**Rose Ivy Kimmel** now has three great-great-grandchildren from our family; they are **Catherine Whitmer** of Kansas City (my son **Gary's** daughter), and **Claire** and **Justin Whitmer** (my son **Brian's** two children).

"I am now 70 years old and work part time with my wife **Marie**. She owns **Marie Whitmer and Associates**, a fund development firm that works with non-profit organizations to raise money...."

The Kimmel Connection:

Other Kimmel Cousins

Debby Bliss e-mailed us recently: "A cousin told me about the new [on-line] **Kimmel mailing list** nearly a month ago...I think there are about 25 or more people on the list so far, and it is still growing, I believe.

"To subscribe, send the word *subscribe* as the only text in the body of a message addressed to <**Kimmel-L-request@rootsweb.com**>. For e-mail postings, the address is: <**Kimmel-L@rootsweb.com**>," but if you are not subscribed, you won't be able to read responses. List owner is **Pamela Kimmel Westfall**.

Dolores M. Kimmel of Dayton, OH., died in September, 1979. Her obituary appears in the September 17 issue of *Dayton Daily News*, p. 04B.

A February e-mail note from **Vic Judy** at <**vicnjudy@zianet.com**>: "Do you have **Emma Kimmel** b 10 Jun 1865 Stark Co OH? She m **George Ginther** b 19 Sep 1864 Stark Co OH. I'd like to get all the descendants of George and Emma."

We have an April 20 e-mail from **Lawrence A. Kimmel** of Mount Ayr, IN., <**Julia@netnitco.net**>. "Contacted Tim Kimmel for info on **Alonzo, George** (Elwood, IN) and was impressed with his rapid response...Just getting started

again since retirement frees up time and the computer is really an asset."

From Albert City, IA., comes **Dorothea Ogden Horner's** April 28 note: "Enclosing my membership check. My Kimmel cousin paid my first membership. I've enjoyed the news so much.

"She and I have been researching Kimmel genealogy for several years. We are descendants of **Jonathon Kimmel & Barbara Althouse** of Cherokee, County, KS. My grandfather, **Ohio Preble Ogden**, married **Flora Belle Kimmel** there. They moved to Iowa where they raised a family of five. Thank you for a great newsletter."

Stan Kimmel of Moshav Neve Ilan, Israel, sent an April 28 letter: "Here's another Kimmel! I suspect that if we go ALLLL the way back, we'll probably find a tribe of monkeys hooked on caraway seeds. Great to find the 'Family'. Best wishes."

And we have an April note from **Mary R. Gray** of Novato CA: "Love the old pictures and especially Tim Kimmel's Column."

Bob Bower of Wichita, KS., passed along a reference he found in an old *Who's Who in the Clergy*, p. 631: "**Gustav Bernard Kimmel**, President, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill; b Apr 22, 1874, Dayton, O, s **Christian** and **Sarah (Ecki) Kimmel**; ed; No. Central Coll., A.B., 1897; Evangelical Theol. Sem., B.D., 1900, D.D. 1914; U. of Chicago M.A. 1925, m. **Esther C. Breyfogel**, 1904. Ordained Minister Ev. Church, 1902. Pastor, Indianapolis, Ind., 1900-04; Dayton, O., 1904-09; Indianapolis 1909-14. Prof. Practical Theology, Evangelical Theol. Sem., 1913-19, Pres. 1919 to date Mem.: PiGamma Mu; Soc of Teachers of Social Science; Bd. of Ed., Ev. Church; Gen.Conf., Ev. Church, since 1915. Res: 209 No. Brainerd St., Naperville, Ill." Bob's note says: "Whose lineage?"

An e-mail from **Debby Bliss**: "What a pleasure that you have information on my family! I already have **Hiram H. Kimmel's** children in my computer (from the Barbara Hochstedler book).

"I have been especially interested in his daughter **Twila [Kimmel Bowman]**. My mother is **Twyla Bowman** (maiden name), her grandmother being **Mary Ellen Kimmel. Twila P. (Kimmel) Bowman** and my mother were first cousins, one generation removed. My mother could have been named after **Twila Pauline**, but I don't know if this was the case. I guess **Twila** was a popular name in KS.

"Could you please tell me **Sara Elizabeth Kimmel [Bowman]**'s ancestry? (Wife of **Andrew J. Bowman** and mother of **Walter K.**) I'd like to link

her to the other Kimmels in my database...

"I also have **John Lichty Kimmel** (yes, he was a s/o **Michael M. & Nancy Lichty Kimmel**) and his wife **Magdalene Miller** in my database. They had two sons: **Trony Wilson Kimmel** (1876-1965) and **Albert O. Kimmel** (b. 1882). Trony m. **Edna Maud Miller** and they had 3 children.



"**Ida Alice Meyers** was a grandniece of **Susanna Meyers, Hiram H. Kimmel's** grandmother. You said you discovered that **Earl Kimmel** was a double Kimmel descendant. I have **Ida Alice Meyers** as a d/o **Nannie Beechley**, but I don't have Nannie's parents linked to her. Were her parents **John Beechly & Susanna Garber**?

"I'm glad you mentioned the 1952 newspaper clipping concerning **Hiram & Ida's** 65th wedding anniversary. I only knew that **Hiram H.** was still alive when the **Barbara Hochstedler** book was written about 1938. Was the e a second w fe of **Earl Kimmel**? The **Barbara Hochstedler** book shows h s w fe as **Ethel Sullivan** w th the follow ng ch ld en: **Albert, Loma, Vera, & Mary Lee** (b 11/13/22)...

"Who d d Ea l's aunts **Elizabeth & Catherine Jennie Kimmel** marry? Earl's aunt **Mary Ellen Kimmel** marr ed **Davi A. Kistner**. Their son **Roy Kistner** was a Brethren minister in Sabetha, KS.

...The book *History of the Church of the Brethren in KS*, page 393 lists a **Lester F Kimmel** who taught English at McPherson in 1917-18. I have often wondered if **Lester F.** was Lester, son of **Hiram H. & Ida Alice**. The same book says an **H H Kimmel** and wife were charter members of the McLouth congregation in Sep 1917. **H H** was a deacon. Was that a different **H H Kimmel**, not the one who was son of **Noah**?...
[While I don't know most of the answers to your questions, I do know that the **H. H. Kimmel** at McLouth was my great-grandfather, **Henry Harrison Kimmel**, a son of **David & Leah Riegel Kimmel** and a descendant of **David Kimmel 1763**; **Hiram H. Kimmel** of Sabetha and Wichita is from a different line of Kimmels, including the **Beechleys**; we went to church with his son

Earl.--Ed.]

From **Sue Bricker** of Cathedral City CA an April 1 letter: "...I've got a new **Susan Kimmel** for you. My **Susan Kimmel** was b 1831 in Ohio to **William Kimmel** b 10-5-1796 and m 1-7-1819 **Mary Bower**. They were married in Stark County, OH.

"**William & Mary** had 8 children, **Hannah, Joseph, John W.** b 1820, **Adam** b 1823, **David** b 1829, **Andrew Jackson Kimmel** b 1830, **Susan** b 1831 (my gg-grandmother) and **Cyrus** b 1832. **William Kimmel** died in 1833 in Franklin Twp, Richland County, OH., and I don't know when his wife **Mary** died... If you want additional information on my **Susan**, let me know. Husband, children, etc."

DICK KIMMEL & CO. BLUEGRASS BAND ON EUROPEAN TOUR

Dick Kimmel & Co., a bluegrass band from Minnesota, was scheduled to perform in its first European tour this spring. "In preparation for the trip," Dick told us, "I started surfing the web to trace my family and found your site." Since the tour includes performances in Germany, he says, "The music is taking me home, in a sense!"

Dick and his group were featured in the November, 1997, issue of *Inside Bluegrass: the Official Publication of the Minnesota Bluegrass & Old Time Music Association*. "Dick Kimmel has been performing with bluegrass bands since the early 1960s; he has been associated with various ' & Co' ensembles since the 1970s," writes Mark Johnson in that publication.

Inside Bluegrass quotes Dick as saying "I caught the bluegrass bug as a grade schooler completely by mistake," blaming it on two bluegrass albums he ordered. "My mother had a banjo, my father had a fiddle, and brother Chuck taught me to chord a guitar." Dick and his brother Chuck performed duets together at family gatherings in the 1950s, calling themselves The Kimmel Brothers. Dick formed his first bluegrass band, the Bluegrass

Ramblers, while in high school in the Chicago area. "It took the family move to West Virginia in the 1960s to really teach me about bluegrass." He played square dance piano in Vermont on the Farm & Wilderness String Band's first recording.

While Dick alleges he has lost track of the number of recordings to his credit, other recordings featuring his playing include: **West Virginia My Home-Mountain Grass** (Revonah Records 925) with Dick on mandolin (two songs; from this recording rose to #1 on central West Virginia radio charts); **The Wild Turkey Stringband** (Kanawha Records 323), featuring Dick on clawhammer banjo and mandolin along with a group of 16 old-time musicians; **For the First Time-Southern Sounds of Grass** (Golden Circle Records 762); **Dick Kimmel - 25 Year Collection** (Copper Creek CD-0142) which has 15 cuts Dick recorded between 1969 and 1993, many with his West Virginia colleagues; **Dick Kimmel - Wild Turkey Rag** (Copper CD-0115), a solo recording; **Dick Kimmel and Leo Rosenstein - Road to Braemar** (Copper Creek CD0132); **Ramblin' Away** (Copper Creek CD-0149) released in 1996.

"Bookings for 1998," according to *Inside Bluegrass*, include a European tour in May, many dates around Minnesota and the Upper Midwest, and festival dates from Wyoming to Kentucky. Recording plans for Copper Creek Records include a Dick Kimmel clawhammer banjo recording (already the works) to be followed by a new Dick Kimmel & Co. CD."

And along the way, Dick completed his MA and PhD in animal behavior and wildlife management at West Virginia University. Now, in addition to Dick Kimmel, bluegrass performer, he is also Dr. Richard O. Kimmel, Wild Turkey Project Leader for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

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A Visit to Gimbsheim

by Allan T. Kimmell

In May, Allan and Betty Kimmell of Topeka, KS., visited Gimbsheim, the hometown of family ancestor Johann Michael Kimmel. Johann Michael was town judge in Gimbsheim 1712-1713. Johann Michael's sons Johann Jacob, Johann Valentine and Johann Philip moved to Pennsylvania in the 1750s and are ancestors to the majority of Kimmels and Kimmells in America today. Allan has graciously agreed to share the story of their visit to this Kimmel hometown.

We recently returned from an exciting trip to Germany and Switzerland. All the places visited, all the things seen, were wonderful. But none as exciting as our visit to Gimbsheim!

My wife Betty and I recently flew into Frankfurt, Germany, with friends George and Wilma Ackeman, who took pictures and videos. I rented a car. We were in Gimbsheim in about an hour. This was midmorning in a town of about 3000 persons. Most of the ones we saw were women on bikes doing their morning shopping.

After driving around town, through the narrow, crooked streets, we stopped at the Gimbsheim Cemetery. Several older ladies were tending their family graves. I didn't know that each grave is a small flower garden, and these

gardens are beautiful. We were told that a family can own a grave for 50 years--or until no family member can care for it. So there are almost no old gravestones. No Kimmels were found, either there or in the phone book.

We did ask a middle-aged lady on a bike if she spoke English. "A little," was her reply. So we told her we were searching for Kimmel roots and also asked if she knew where we could get a cup of coffee. "You wait," she said, and away she went. It wasn't long before she returned, saying, "Follow me!" We did, for a mile or so. And she took us into a large

cobblestone courtyard. This was Frau Baier's home and winery. Here she served us coffee and sweets on fine china.

Soon we were joined by two gentlemen. One was Herr Dieter Wilhelm, the local high school English teacher. The other, Herr Helmut Mahlerwin, Gimbsheim's Historian!

Can you imagine our surprise!! Here we were in the company of a man that KNOWS the history of Gimbsheim!! The city was founded in 766, so it is over 1200 years old.

Herr Mahlenwein has with him several papers that relate to Kimmel Genealogy.

Most are in German, but one newspaper article is in English--published in the US and about an American Army officer that has married a German girl. He is a Kimmel descendant of Johann Jacob! He, his wife, and his mother-in-law have been to Gimbsheim--approximately 1975. We are now trying to locate Dr. Bill Thompson, who was an Army psychologist in Germany at that time.

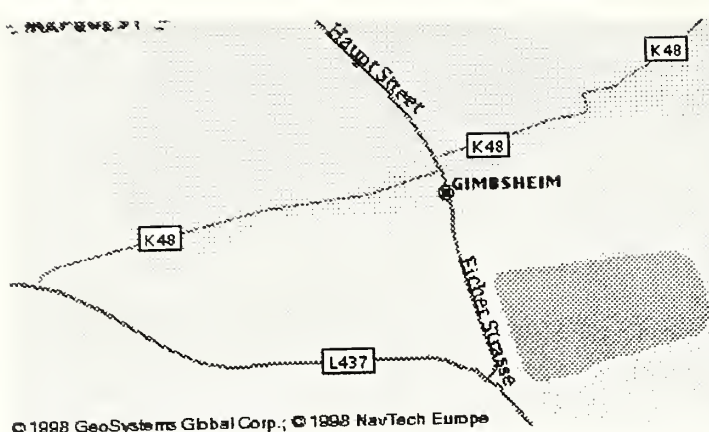
His story, according to the paper, was that Michael was not only a judge in Gimbsheim in the 1700s but he himself was fined 8 pounds of fish! He was found guilty of destroying some cobblestones. His sons, Philip, Jacob and Valentine, appeared to be somewhat mischievous and were often in trouble, adding to father Michael's embarrassment. (Personal note--I was always sure that my sons' problems came from their *mother's* side of the family!) After we spent time visiting with these gracious men, Herr Mahlerwin asked if we were staying overnight. We said, "If we can find lodging." Frau Baier went to the phone and we had rooms at a local Gushaus or Zimmer.

Then we were invited to meet Herr Mahlenwein the next day and visit the city cellars where all of Gimbsheim's records and artifacts were kept!

The city's cellars of Gimbsheim are made up of three large rooms (with possible other storage areas behind closed doors) and are entered via double wide doorway, which is located on the ground level beneath the

A scene from one of the streets in the German hometown of most American Kimmels. The sign along the road says you've entered Gimbsheim, in the district of Alzey-Worms.





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MapQuest map of the town of Gimbshelm

school's largest complex. This complex is located near the center of town, behind gates that open onto a large cobblestone courtyard.

Descending the stairway, we entered the middle room. The complete area is well lighted, with archways connecting a room to the right and another one to our left. All of the rooms have curved domed ceilings, covered with painted murals and other painted signs and scenes. Some suggest part human, part animal things, like Neptune and Mermaids in water. (The Rhine?) One is of grape gathering, making and drinking wine!

The room to the far right has tables and chairs and a small kitchen area. I would guess that here the city fathers do their work. The other two rooms contain many artifacts of bone, teeth and skulls of prehistoric or very early-day wild animals. Depicted are mammoths, rhinos, bison and wild horses.

Several containers (for wine?) are also displayed. One was most outstanding--it would hold about a gallon and a half. It was covered with small pieces of what I took to be ceramic, blue in color. Herr Mahlewein said it was over 1000 years old.

Today, an 11-year-old boy, Robert Wagner, was our translator. He has an American father and had spent some time in the United States. His English is not as polished as his teacher, Herr Wilhelm. He indicated he was the first

Johann Jacob Kimmel had paid in 1740. The fine was 7 Marks. Our translator said, "He helped the City." The paper did not suggest it was 250 years old.

Michael Kimmel, the father of those three sons that came to America in 1750-51, was said to be a well-educated man and owned land. His duties appear to be somewhat cloudy, but I believe he served as mayor, judge, and scribe. A painting shows that he was Unterfauth (judge) in 1711-1713.

It has been great to read and speak the German language, as much was lost in the translation. Also, there was no time or method to copy all we saw. However, we are excited about a return trip. Perhaps next year!

We feel extremely fortunate to have had the experience we enjoyed. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the people of Gimbshelm. All showed us kindness and offers to help as we traveled the area. To Frau Baier, who brought us all together, to Herr Mahlewein, the historian, to Herr Dieter Wilhelm, and to Robert Wagner, who translated for us, we shall always be thankful. We shall continue to study our genealogy, as we savor our time in Germany. We feel we have truly been fortunate to be members of the family Kimmel(l).

Note from Tim Kimmel: Allan's pictures are now linked to my regular Website: <<http://home1.gte.net/kimmel/genealogy.htm>> with a picture of Allan and Betty included so you can see who shared the details of their trip.

Gimbshelm street scene. Photo by Allan Kimmell.



student to ever enter these cellars!

Herr Mahlewein opened one of the waist-high cases that fill most of the room and removed a paper which he handed to me. He said it was a record of a fine that

Kimmels on the Viet Nam War Memorial

by Tim Kimmel

The replica of the Viet Nam War Memorial visited Fort Wayne, IN., during our recent Three Rivers Festival. Though it is of a smaller scale, it is exact in detail and still stirs visitors' souls. A friend of mine took time to copy the Kimmels whose names are on the wall.

The detail in parentheses below denotes the panel and line where one can find his inscription:

Eugene William Kimmel of Sioux Falls, SD, Capt. Marine Corps, 20 Aug 38 - 20 Oct 68 (40W 20);

Gordon Lee Kimmel of Stoystown, PA, Sp4 Army, 1 Aug 49 - 2 Sep 71 (2W 8);

Lewis Albert Kimmel Junior of Camarillo, CA, PFC Marine Corps, 23 May 44 - 4 Mar 66 (5E 105);

Robert Charles Kimmel of East Islip, NY, 1st Lt. Marine Corps, 24 Mar 44 - 25 Apr 68 (52E 7);

Robert Gene Kimmel of Topeka, KS, LTC Army, 17 Aug 28 - 14 Nov 67 (29E 95);

Stanley Regan Kimmel of Summit City, CA, Sp4 Army, 1 Mar 50 - 30 May 70 (10W 121);

George Samuel Kimmell of Cumberland, MD., PFC Army, 2 Apr 48 - 12 Jul 69 (21W 108).

I had to pause when I got to Lewis. I had forgotten about him. He was a distant cousin from my hometown of Huntington. I recall his father was in service in Viet Nam too. The father was there when he was notified his son had been killed at Quang Ngai from a bullet wound.

Lt. Col. Robert Gene Kimmel was the son of William James Potthoff Kimmel, adopted from a NY Orphan Train by Louis H. & Margaret Edmonds Kimmel of McLouth, KS. The 1967 newspaper obituary reads: "LT COL R G KIMMEL DIES IN VIETNAM. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Kimmel received word on Tuesday, Nov 21, of the death of their grandson, Robert G. Kimmel, 39, whose plane was shot down while in reconnaissance flight. The plane crashed and burned. He was a graduate of West Point and had served two years at Ft Benning, GA.; three years in Germany; one year in the Air Force at Colo. Springs; one year at Ft. Leavenworth; had taught three years at West Point and had been three years with the Pentagon in Washington before going to Vietnam in August. He was a Lt Col at the time of his death. He was the son of Major and Mrs. William J. [Emma Kragon] Kimmel of Colo. Springs, CO Major Kimmel went to school in Oskaloosa and was a

member of Company B. The body of Lt. Col R G Kimmel was flown to Fort Belvoir, D. and was taken to Arlington National Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest. He is survived by his wife and three children at Ft. Belvoir VA and his parents."

Aviation Museum includes Admiral Kimmel letter
by Bonnie Tomlinson Winters Collins
During a recent visit to the Havanaugh Flight Museum in Addison, TX., I noticed the display "Pearl Harbor Scapegoat?"

The photograph above shows the original handwritten letter addressed to Gen. William D. Suggles in which Admiral Kimmel describes how he had not received critical intelligence information from Washington about the upcoming Japanese attack.

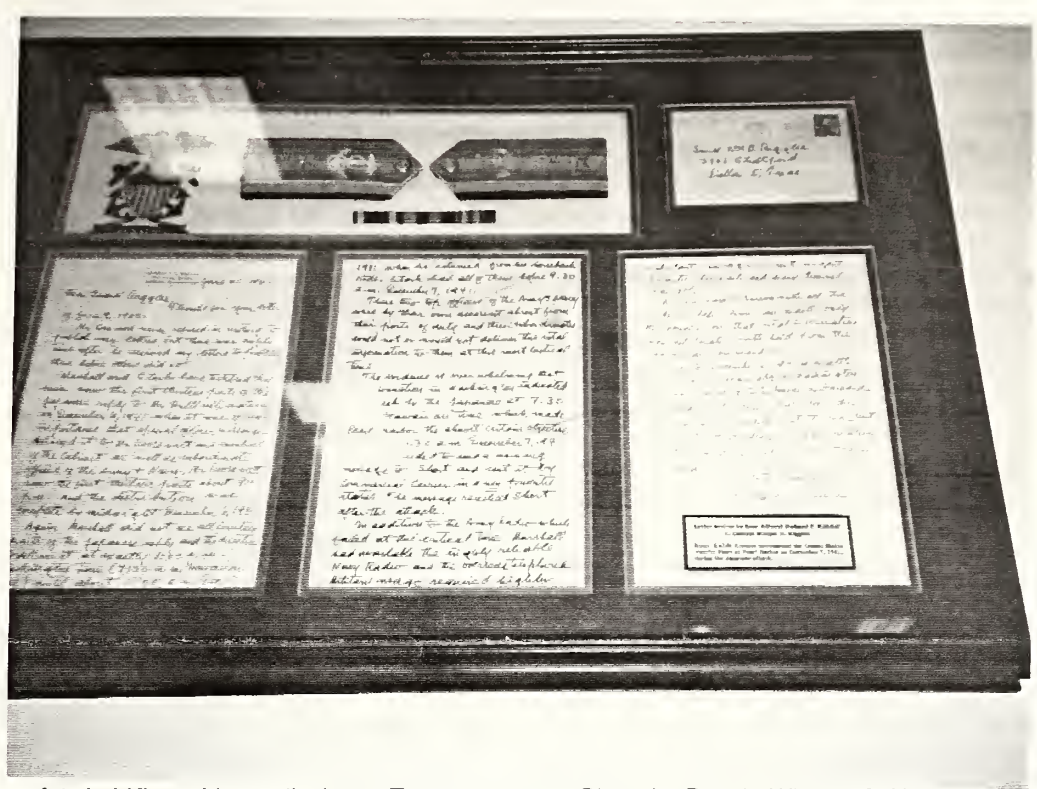
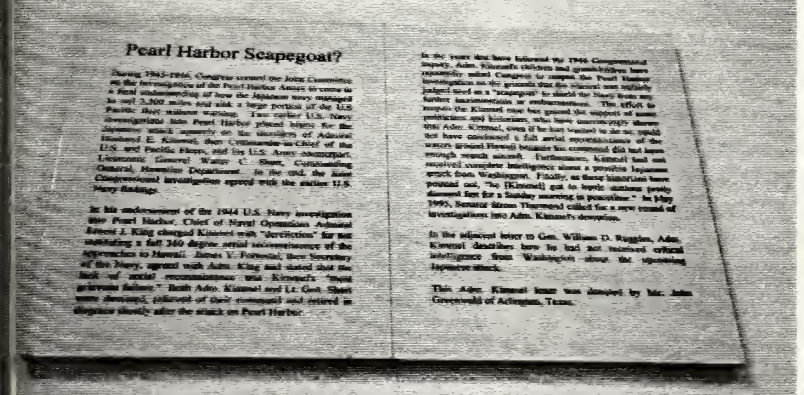
The letter, dated June 20, 1936, was donated to the museum by John Greenwald of Arlington, TX.

The display includes the museum's review of the Pearl Harbor attack, congressional investigations following the U.S. Navy investigations, and finally, the "family of and children of, and grandchildren of" Kimmel who have repeatedly asked Congress to re-open the Pearl Harbor investigation. The display ends with Sen. Strom Thurmond calling for a new round of investigations in 1995.

Bonnie also sent us a copy of page 16 from Life Magazine's August 14, 1941, issue, which included a photograph of Admiral Kimmel detailed background on some events prior to Pearl Harbor, including the movement of Japanese troops into French Indo China, close to the oil fields of the Dutch East Indies and Singapore.

Action came fast then. President Roosevelt in high good humor told newspapermen he had frozen \$130,000,000 in Japanese assets in the U.S... The native Philippine Army was incorporated in the U.S. armed forces. And finally the U.S. Fleet was reported to have sailed silently out of Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands under

Pearl Harbor Scapegoat? Part of the display concerning Admiral Husband Kimmel at the Texas aviation museum visited by Bonnie Winters-Collins, great-granddaughter of Mary Ann Kimmel and Andrew W. Whitmer.



Admiral Kimmel letter display at Texas museum. Photo by Bonnie Winters Collins.

command of the CINCUS, Admiral Kimmel."

Tim Kimmel's Kimmel Column

KIMMEL SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: #8 MICHAEL KIMMEL OF BERMUDIAN, PENNSYLVANIA

Michael Kimmel was born in Darmstadt in 1736 to **Philip** and **Anna Elizabeth Voltz Kimmel**. After losing his wife and some children to epidemics, **Philip** sent this son to America to find his uncles **Jacob** and **Valentine**, who were living near Bermudian in York County, PA. **Michael** did so in 1752.

Apparently he returned with positive news, because **Philip** and his remaining family came to America in 1755 and also settled near Bermudian.

Michael is on record in 1760 owning land in Manchester Township of York County, but by 1762 was on the tax rolls for Reading Township, where in 1765 he obtained land with his brothers **Philip** and **Jacob** and one-third share of his father's land there.

He served in Captain **James Taylor's** Company of **Anthony Wayne's** 4th Pennsylvania Battalion, in which he was commissioned as First Lieutenant in January 1776.

He was included in that battalion's rolls at Ticon-

deroga in the fall of 1776.

In March 1777 the 4th Pennsylvania Battalion was reorganized into the 5th Pennsylvania Battalion. **Michael** served in the 5th Battalion in Captain Thomas Church's Company. He was commissioned Paymaster in May 1777 and retired from the 5th Battalion as Captain in July 1778.

He apparently was still assigned to a local troop because there is a record of **Michael Kimmel** as a private in the 1st Company (under Captain William Dodds) of the 1st Battalion of York County in an April 1778 return. A substitute/muster fines list shows he was still affiliated with that York County battalion as late as 1784.

After his military service, **Michael** was noted for apprehending a highwayman named Thomas Taylor, for which **Michael** was rewarded by the government in 1780.

In 1789 **Michael** served as election return judge, and in 1800 was elected to Assembly in York County. He and his wife **Esther Asper** (in DAR records as **Juliana**) were members of the Reformed Congregation at Bermudian, where their children are on the baptism record. By 1800 they had moved from Reading to Warrington Township. In 1811 **Michael** purchased land in Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County, beside property owned by his son **Joseph**. He died in Westmoreland County in 1818.

Michael & Esther's children were: **John**, who was a physician in Berlin, Pa; **Ursula** of Salisbury, PA; **Philip**, who apparently died young; **Joseph** of Westmoreland County--after his death, most of his family moved first to Stark County, OH, and then westward; **Jonas**, who died at Cape Girardeau, MO; and **Michael Jr.**, who joined the Lutheran

church at Mt. Pleasant, PA, but soon moved to Richland County, OH.

KIMMEL FAMILY HISTORY, PART 3
In the last issue I reviewed the **Henry Kimmel** family of New York City and mentioned **Balthasar**, probably a son, who raised his children at Rhinebeck. Most of **Balthasar's** children ended up in Rensselaer County, NY, and became **Campbells**, but a line that moved on to Quebec are still **Kimmels**.

At the same time **Balthasar** was in Rhinebeck, a **Daniel Kimmel** was living 15 miles upstream in Germantown. It appears his son **John** moved from Germantown to Kinderhook, and around 1800 moved to New York City, where some of his children appear in that city's records in the early 1800s (the **John C.**, **Henry**, and **Alexander I** mentioned in the last issue).

I've also learned since the last newsletter that the **Casper Kimmel** of Jamaica moved to the Minisink area of NY, where his descendants acquired the surname **Kimber**.

THE KEEHMLES OF PHILADELPHIA
In 1738 **Conrad Kimmel** arrived in Philadelphia, where he was a tavernkeeper. He appeared in documents as **Kemmel** and **Kühmle**, but he and his descendants used the spelling **Keehmle**—a more English spelling. For a while members of the family added a mark and wrote **Keehmle'**.

Conrad's son **John George** was a surgeon who passed his profession down to two of his sons, **George** and **John**. They and **Jacob Keehmle** served in the militia during the American Revolution. (**Jacob** later also became a surgeon.) **Leonard**, another son of **John George**, served as county commissioner for Philadelphia, then was the city port's registrar of immigrants.

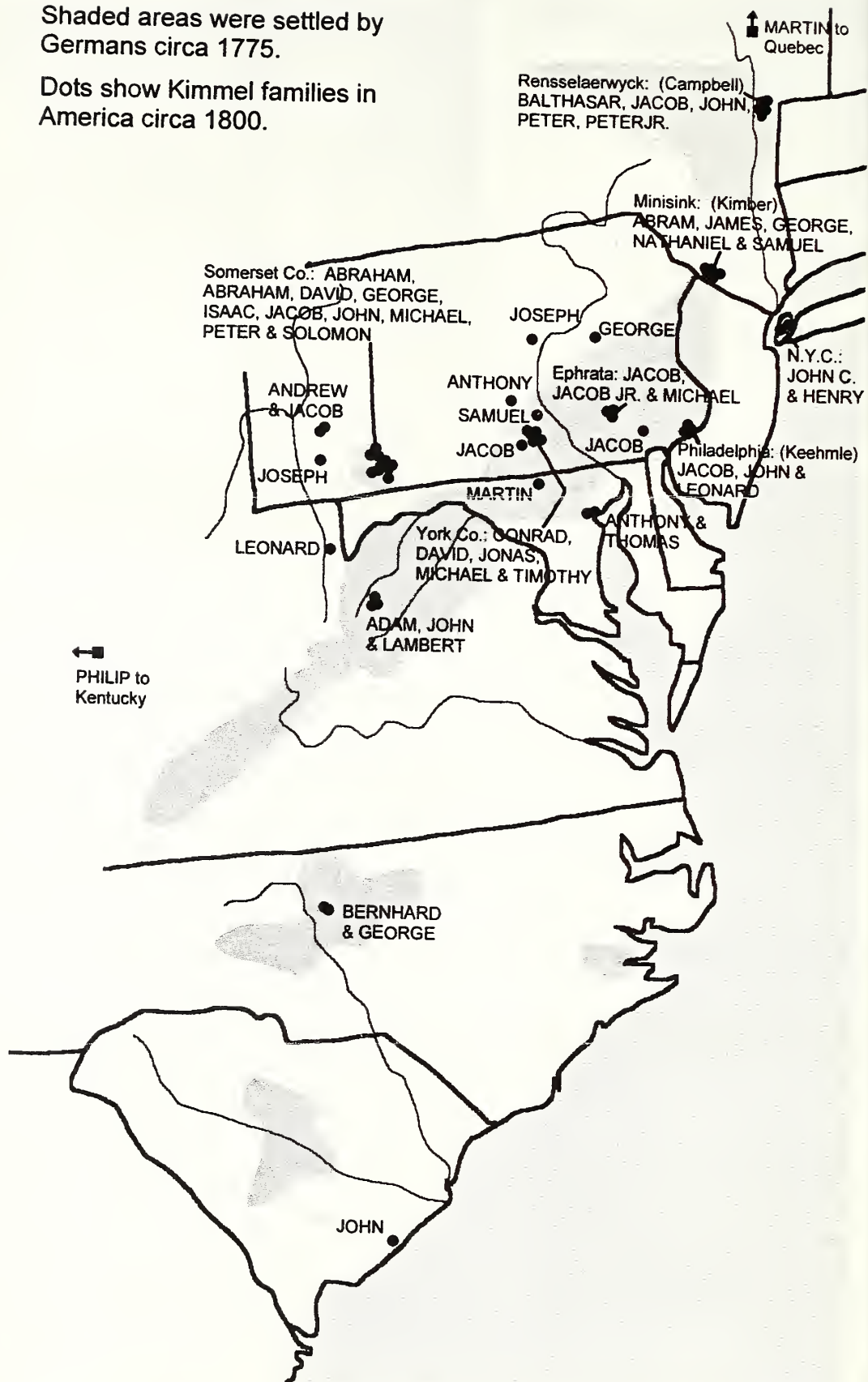
Most lines of this family appear to have died out, and I'm not really sure if the **Keehmle** name still exists today.

LATER KIMMEL ARRIVALS PRIOR TO THE REVOLUTION

A large number of Germans arrived in America in the 1750s and '60s, Kimmels among them. They were Protestant—due to alliances with Protestant German states, England did not allow Catholic Germans to migrate to her colonies. Most were Hessians or Palatines. And most arrived at Philadelphia. Most Kimmels came to Philadelphia, although **Philip** arrived with his sons at Belle

Shaded areas were settled by Germans circa 1775.

Dots show Kimmel families in America circa 1800.



Haven (now Alexandria, VA), and **Joseph**, with his wife and son **John**, arrived at Charleston, SC.

Once in Pennsylvania, Germans were encouraged by Maryland and Virginia to move from Pennsylvania into their colonies. (The invitations were not because the colonies wanted Germans. They wanted a buffer between their English settlers and the American Indian population to the west.)

Thus the main pattern of migration for Germans was from Philadelphia southwestward along the mountains into the valleys of western Virginia and even into the Carolinas. The next generation would cross the mountains into southwestern Pennsylvania and into Ohio and Kentucky.

The map on this page shows where known heads of Kimmel families were living about 1800. Shaded areas on the map were areas heavily settled by Germans. I plan to deal more with the Kimmels of colonial Pennsylvania in the next issue.

NEW KIMMEL LANDMARK

Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, NE, has opened the **Kimmel Theatre** on its campus. The 22,000 square-foot structure was dedicated during their Alumni Days celebration in April. **Kimmel Theatre** replaces the smaller college theater that was in the Olson Student Center.

UPDATE ON MY WEBSITE

You can see more of the pictures **Allan & Betty Kimmell** shared on their visit to Gimbshheim on my Web site at **Choose the Gimbshheim Pictures** button, and

be aware that if you click on the images of the first page you'll be taken to a couple more pages of images. Also, if you looked at the coats-of-arms page and couldn't decipher the images, much more easily viewable images are on the site now. Try again. Internet Explorer still doesn't work well with this page; but images still come out incomplete, press the "refresh" button of that browser and it will fix it.



EARLY KIMMEL RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS by Tim Kimmel

In response to recent discourses on the Kimmel Roots e-mail list as to what the Kimmel religion is, I've put together a brief review of who was affiliated with what faith, at least for the 'older' Kimmel families. I'm using terms used in my sources, so in most cases "Reformed" is German Reformed, "Lutheran" is Evangelical Lutheran; and "Baptist," "German Baptist," "Dunkard," and "Church of the Brethren" are all used for roughly the same religion at different times. I relied on the *Handbook of Denominations* to get me through this. Here's hoping....

In Germany, **Johann Michael's** sons were baptized in the Reformed church in Gimbshheim. So were the children of his sons **Jacob** and **Valentine**. **Philip** had moved to Darmstadt and then probably Eich, but I haven't come across references to church records in those towns showing his affiliation. (We really need someone with experience with German records to spend a season sifting together the Kimmels in records in Gimbshheim, Alsheim, Eich, Oppenheim and Darmstadt.)

Johann Michael's Son Philip's Family
No record of Philip's church affiliation in America either, but most of his grandchildren in York County were baptized in the Reformed congregation of the Lower Bermudian Church. Here is a review of each of his sons:

1.) **Philip's** older children were baptized in the Reformed faith. But Philip trained in the ministry as a German Baptist (Church of the Brethren), and his is the branch of the family involved in this faith. [*This is the branch from which David Kimmel who married Leah Riegel comes.*] Of this Philip's sons:

a.) Descendants of **Philip** who moved to Kentucky tended to be German Baptist. A couple of churches tied to this line were "Missionary Baptist." How do they relate to the German Baptists?

b.) **Jacob** was affiliated with the Glade Reformed and Lutheran congregation in Stoneycreek Township, Somerset Co., but his children were: **Abraham**, unknown; **Jacob**, Evang. Lutheran, then German Reformed in Stoystown; **John**, Lutheran; **Solomon**, Glade Reformed & Lutheran; **Ludwig**, unknown, but his grandson was a Church of the Brethren minister; **Peter**, unknown; **Jonathan**, "United Brethren"/Baptist.

c.) **Michael**, unknown, but his son **John Hugh's** line apparently were Methodist Episcopal, and **Jacob Michael** was a Lutheran.

d.) **David** was German Baptist/Dunkard.

e.) **Abraham**, unknown. The nearest reference I have is his son **Philip** being an Evangelical Lutheran in Murphreysboro, IL.

f.) Descendants of **Isaac**, who moved to Ohio, tended to be Methodist Episcopal.

g.) **Solomon** was a German Reformed, though his son **John** was Presbyterian.

2.) **Nicholas** was a German Reformed (Lower Bermudian Church), though his son **David** was a German Baptist, and **Joel** was a member of an Evangelical Lutheran Church in Shiremanstown for a while.

3.) **Jacob** was an original member of the Dover German Lutheran and Reformed Church, then of the Reformed Congregation (Lower Bermudian Church).

4.) **Michael** was a member of the Reformed Church (Lower Bermudian Church). His son **John** ("Dr. John") was a member of the Reformed and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Berlin, PA, and **Michael Jr.** was a Lutheran. **Joseph**, no known church affiliation.

5.) **George** was married in the Reformed Church. I don't know about his son **Peter**, but **George Jr.** was a member of the German Reformed Church at Stoystown and **Henry** was a member of the Reformed and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Berlin, PA.

6.) **Anthony** was a German Reformed in Pennsylvania, but buried as a Disciples of Christ member in Baltimore. His son **Michael** was in the Associate Reformed Church. His son **Anthony Jr.**, was an Episcopal, but this line eventually became Methodists.

Michael's Sons Jacob and Valentine's Families

Jacob's children were baptized in the Reformed Church at Gimbshheim. He is reported to have been a leader in the "Gimbshheim awakening," which led him

to be a member of the Seventh Day Baptists and the Ephrata Cloister in Pennsylvania. But only a couple generations of Kimmels were involved. His grandsons were all Evangelical Lutherans (**Joseph** son of **Adam** at St. John's in Uniontown OH; **Jacob** son of **Adam** at Artz Church in western Schuylkill County, PA; and **Jacob** son of **Jacob** at Zion in Mannheim, PA. (In my understanding, the Seventh Day Baptists were an offshoot of the German Baptists.)

Valentine's children were also baptized in the Reformed Church at Gimbshheim. He also was a Seventh Day Baptist affiliated with the same cloister. His Kimmel descendants in Cumberland County were Evangelical Lutherans.

Other Early American Kimmels
My ancestor, **Jacob** who settled in southeastern Schuylkill County, was an Evangelical Lutheran. He was a member of the "Zion" Red Lutheran Church near Orwigsburg. Of his sons:

1.) **George Jacob** remained a member of Zion "Red" Church. But his sons broke from the church in the 1830s. **George** established the Kimmel Winnebrennarian Church (now Church of God) nearby. **John** built St. John's (Kimmel's) Union Church on his land in the north part of the county. (A Union church housed both Evangelical Lutheran and German Reformed congregations.)

2.) Services were held in **Anthony's** barn along Fishing Creek in what is now Perry County, PA., until Mt. Zion Union Church was built in 1816 at Sherman's Dale. He was a deacon on the church's first council.

3.) **Jacob** moved to west of Hagerstown, IN., where he donated land and built in 1838 what became St. Jacob's Evangelical Lutheran Church. A second St. Jacob's was built north of Millville. **Jacob** who settled near Greensburg PA in the late 1760s was a member of Harrold's Reformed Church. His sons were Lutherans.

Leonard Kimmel's oldest son was baptized at the Reformed and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Berlin PA. The family moved to Harrison County OH and were Lutherans.

The very early Kimmels in New York, **Henry** in Manhattan in the 1690s and **Casper** in Jamaica in the 1720s, were Dutch Reformed members. (Before the German Reformed split from the church.) **Casper's** descendants were German Reformed. **Henry's** (assuming his is the branch that moved upriver to Rhinebeck) were Evangelical Lutherans with the sole remaining Kimmel line being affiliated with the Church of England. They went to Quebec.

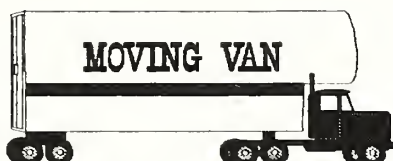
John Kimmel, ancestor of the Kimbles around Petersburg, West Virginia, was

Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed.

Bernhard (Barnabas) Kimel of North Carolina was Lutheran in the 1790s but later joined the Moravian Church at Friedberg.

John in Charleston, SC, was member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and then the Charleston Independent Congregational Church.

This just covers the families who came to America prior to 1800. The **Catholic Kimmels** started coming through the port of Baltimore in 1833. And the **Jewish Kimmels** started settling in New York and Philadelphia in the 1880s...but that's a whole new report...



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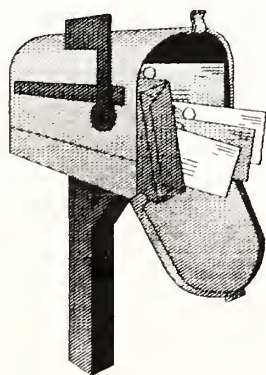
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family mailbox

Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer descendants:

Bonnie Tomlinson Winters Collins of San Antonio TX sent a note July 30

promising to share family photos with us in future issues. "I have photographs of my great-grandparents, **Mary Ann Kimmel & Andrew W. Whitmer** on their front porch (1882) and with their children **Eva, Leila, Ralph, Earl** and my grandmother, **Violet Louise Smith Tomlinson**.

"I have individual photographs of old homes, schools, family friends (some are named), farms and churches located in Hamilton and Kidder, MO and Emporia, KS. I will xerox them and send you copies to compare to your collection..." *[We're looking forward to all those photos, Bonnie, and hope they'll inspire other family members to share their photos too. -Ed.]*

"Please add my son **[Tim Winters]** and his wife to your mailing list. He has been transferred to Hanau, outside Frankfurt, Germany, to serve the Army for three years."

Josiah Riegel Kimmel descendants:

We have a July 5 note from **John & Mary Bower** of McLouth, KS.: "We had no rain on the Fourth, though there were a lot of clouds. We have a community fireworks show. It's not big and exciting, but it is close to home, and it's free!"



"We got home about 10:00, and before we could get in the house, headlights came up the driveway. It was **David & Lisa Hull** and their son **Daniel** (10 years old). **David's** mother was **Ruth Kimmel**, youngest daughter of **Walter Kimmel**, (and only daughter of **Grace**) **Kimmel**, and the half sister of **John Kimmel**, **Mary's** first husband.

David is our chiropractor, and a good one. He is painting and repairing a building in town which belongs to **Hobart Hull**, his father. We have given some assistance, but you can't get ahead of him, or even, even.

"They brought a package of fireworks, so we had a second show, right in our own front yard. They had some pretty good stuff, rockets and candles. Then they came in, and we had a midnight lunch, so we are a little bleary-eyed today. But it was a fun evening!"

"David is a farmer at heart. He is also a do-it-yourselfer, so we have a lot in common. They live in Kansas City, KS., and have an office with his dad in Shawnee. They also have livestock on a farm somewhere around KC.

"Hobart and Ruth were the same way. They might show up at nine o'clock at night on their way to Hiawatha, where they had a place for a while. Hobart is

good enough in his field to teach classes at chiropractic college in Davenport, IA. David is good also, but think he would rather farm if it would pay well enough. He can do just about anything with machinery and enjoys it. Anyhow, we really enjoy them.

"Has **Beverly** told you about the family gathering we had down at **John & Zelma's** last week? We had more than 20 there for an evening by their big pond. It was a lovely evening—a local mini-reunion.

"**Ruth** is having potatoes and tomatoes from her garden west of Chris's mobile home. We enjoyed some of the new potatoes, fried. We are having cucumbers and zucchini squash. Our tomatoes are not ripe yet. The rabbits kept the beans eaten down, until I finally put a fence over them. The verdict is in yet. We also planted some pole beans, so they would be easier to pick. They should begin being ready this week. I have never been smart enough not to have something to do!"

And a followup note from John two days later: "Do you know that **Marlin & Irene McPherson** have their first great-granddaughter? That is Kimmel news, and doubtless they will send it. It is hot today, but still good corn weather."

Henry Harrison Kimmel descendants:

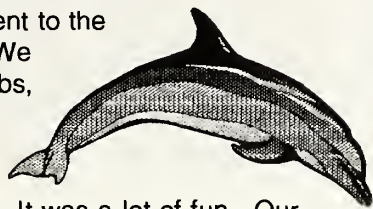


From **Jack R. Mason** of Plainfield, IL, we have a June 9 note: "We're moving...a few miles away...across the pond...to Japan. We will live and work in Japan 3 to 5 years, but will travel back once a year to visit (and get lots of chips and salsa)."

Their summary of their plans: "**Jack & Diane Mason** (?? going into adult education to learn Japanese); **Tiffany** (12 going into 7th grade); **Jessica** (10 going into 5th grade); **Aaron** 7 going into 2nd grade)." Jack's mom, **Virginia Bower Mason**, flew up from Georgia to Chicago to spend a week or so with the family at the end of June before they moved across the ocean.

We have a delightful note from 10-year old **Jessica Mason**, soon after the family arrived in Kobe, Japan: "Hi It's Jessica, How are you doing, I am doing good. We are in Japan. Mom and Dad started class on how to say Japanese words. We went to the beach and saw

...ome Jelly Fish on one part of the beach, But We went to the other side to swim. We also went to the aquarium We saw big crabs, fish and sharks, dolphins and etc. It was a lot of fun. Our new House will be done on August 10. Well we also went to Seattle and Hawaii that was a lot of fun too. We went to the store on the wrong side of the rode. I now how to ride the train by myself. We got are air shipment. It is hard to understand the people. I got to see Godzilla in Japanese. There are a lot of Fireworks here. Well I'll see you again bye. Love Jessica Mason,"



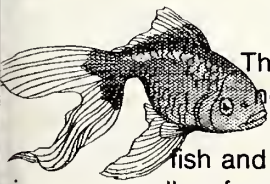
David & Gail Mason of Lower Mound, TX, have a new baby! Daughter **Pamela Hope Mason** arrived right on schedule August 2, 1998. She has a two-year-old sister, **Courtney**.



Ken Tompkins, Columbia, MO., has big plans for a trip to Bedford County, PA, for a genealogical conference relating to **Ken's Mock/Mack** ancestry. (Ken, who rolls his eyes when genealogy is mentioned, opted out, but his mom, Aunt, and sister will be there.) Jan hopes to find time to do a little sightseeing in nearby Somerset County.

Mike & Deanna Tompkins, Shaun & Cassie, who live in Columbia MO, have moved into their new home, only about a mile away from Grandpa and Grandma **Ken & Jan Tompkins**. Even though the whole family had been involved in the actual construction work (Shaun built decks, Cass tied rebar for the driveway, etc.), they didn't relax after moving in.

Instead their little landscaping project ended into the construction of a rock stream and waterfall, gazebo, and decks around a fishpond. When **Mike's** bargain load of architectural rocks turned out to consist of rocks too big to be moved with the bobcat, 17-year-old **Shaun** got the job of using a jackhammer to make little rocks out of big ones.



The fishpond is now stocked with goldfish and two Japanese loach, as well as four volunteer frogs, and the fish have been trained to eat their food from human fingers. (There are friendly bets about how long it will be till some raccoon stumbles on to this spot and says, "Buffet!")

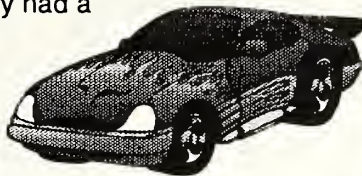
Anyway, next to come will be lily pads and other plants. Advice from other water gardeners cheerfully taken.

From **John Bower** of McLouth, KS., an excited August 3 e-mail: "I went to the races! **Chris** and **Darin Edmonds**, **Ruth's** boys, have been racing on week ends since last summer at Thunderhill Speedway, a dirt track north of Topeka. The boys had been competitive, but had never won a race.

"I had never been to see them race because I didn't want to get home at 2:00 Sunday morning.

This time they had a rare Friday night race.

I went with **Ruth & Jim**, their 'pit crew.' And they won!



"As you can guess, they were high as a kite. So were Mama and Grandpa.

"They race in a class that is oddball, and a 'poor man's' class. Cars must be strictly 'stock.' Rules are strict against modifying to get an advantage, and anyone can claim another's car for a nominal price. This creates a class where anyone can afford to get in competition, and that brings guys and their families to the races.

"The oddball thing is that each car has two drivers. The one under the steering wheel drives the car; the other feeds gas. The problem is coordination. The track is wet down well before the start of the evening's races. The race is not so much to the swift as to the one who can keep his car on the track around the curves.

"**Darin** and **Chris** got ahead about halfway through their qualifying heat, and kept the lead to win a front position in the feature race, with their chief competitor in the other front position. They roared down the stretch even, but the other car got in trouble on the first curve, and **Darin** came out ahead in the backstretch and held the lead the rest of the way, through 14 laps and several caution flags.

"**Ruth** was catching them on the video camera. She asked afterward if I was praying. I said no, I was too excited!

"**Mary** lost her balance and fell on our living room floor two weeks ago Sunday, dislocating her right shoulder. She has a weak ankle, and thinks she might have been not quite awake. I took her to the emergency room at Lawrence Hospital, where they put her back together and sent her home with her arm in a sling. No one could have been nicer than they were with us.

"She is sore and will be for some weeks, but doing well--better than I expected. I am able to help under her direction. Her daughters, **Judy & Pat**, have come in to help clean and wash clothes, and we are doing well. I postponed my annual trip to Oregon to

see **Ron** until **Mary** can dress and drive without my help.

"This week is McLouth Threshing Bee. Our Kiwanis Club handles the food concessions, and I will have the church services Sunday morning. I hope it quits raining! But I never saw the corn and soybeans look better."

The Kimmel Connection:

Other Kimmel Cousins

An e-mail from musician **Dick Kimmel** of New Ulm, MN on July 4: "My bluegrass band, **Dick Kimmel & Co.**, recently returned from a tour of Europe including four concerts in different parts of Germany, 'our homeland.' I was disappointed no Kimmels came up and said howdy, but I understand that people in Europe are not as interested in genealogy as many folks in the US.

"The tour caused me to investigate some Kimmel roots prior to the trip... A yellowed document I found in family files on the genealogy of **Nicholas Kimmel** (written by H K Stoner in 1936) has proved invaluable. **Nicholas** (1728-1804) was the second son of **Johann Philip** and my greatx5 grandfather.

"While the band schedule did not allow for side trips to the Kimmel areas south of Frankfurt, I was able to see that area at 130 kph from the Autoban. The countryside reminded me of the Appalachian hills in Pennsylvania--a reason our ancestors may have selected this area as their home.

"One event of interest, but unrelated to Kimmels, happened at a concert in Switzerland. One of my bass players' kinfolk heard that Paul Horrisberger was performing with me only 15 minutes from his home. He came to the concert, met Paul for the first time, and took him home with him for the next 24 hours to see the Horrisberger homeplace (still in the family) and meet some other Horrisbergers."

From **Philip Pahl** of Canterbury, NH, a July 21 note: "I was recently in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and came across some back issues of the Kimmel Family News which I found very interesting. Would you please add my name to your subscribers' list?

"...I am a descendant of **George Kimmel/Juliana Rubi** and their great-granddaughter **Ida Kimmel** of Washtenaw County, MI, but there are some gaps in my knowledge of these ancestors..."

A note from new subscriber **Walter K. Brown** of Willow Springs, IL on July 12: "...Our mother is **Anna May Kimmell Brown**, who was born and raised in Kimmell, IN. The town was named for

Kimmell House Bed & Breakfast



Circa 1795



851 S. State St.
Ephrata, PA 17522
Lancaster County

(717) 738 - 3555

her grandfather **Orlando Kimmell**."

Kimmell House Bed & Breakfast in Ephrata, PA., has re-opened! **Dave & Bonnie Harvey** purchased the 1795 house built for **Jacob & Esther Kimmell**.

"Thank you so much for sending us your family newspaper. We are

enjoying it very much. I think we know more about your family than we do ours...

"We purchased Kimmell House B&B in Dec. of '96 and have been restoring it ever since," she writes. We are enjoying living here and feel very lucky. We opened in June...."

Tammy Marcelli of Detroit MI <tmrancel@mpdr0.detroit.mi.ame ritech.net> is searching for information on **Clarence, Henry & Isaac Kimmel**. She has spouse information for them, she says, but not much else.

Apparently some Kimmels didn't migrate west. They stayed in Pennsylvania!

Jim Kimmel of 8110 Forest Hill Ct., West Chester, OH 55069, told us about a recent reunion of his batch of Kimmels this one in Indiana, PA, "back on the farm."

"We are from the **Johann Michael Kimmel** and his son **Johann Philip Kimmel** who settled in the York County area of Pennsylvania," he said, which makes him cousin to those of us descended from Philip's son **David Kimmel 1763**.

Tim Kimmel of Ft. Wayne, IN.. recently posted a note concerning where to find German records regarding some Kimmels: "The Gimsheim Reformed Churchbook has the marriages of Michael's sons **Philip,**

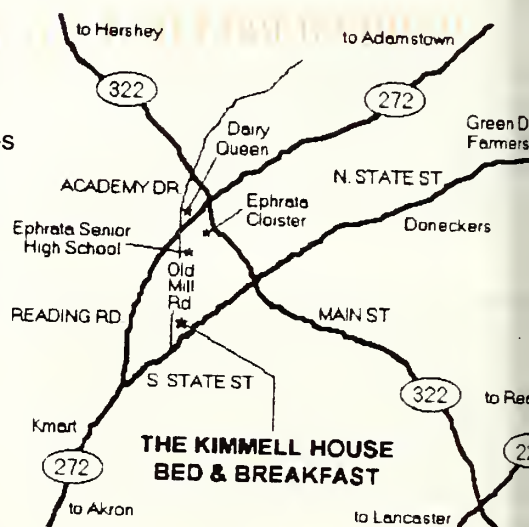
Valentine, Conrad and Jacob. Also **Valentine and Jacob's** children (there are a lot of them). Even another brother, a son of Michael's that died young!

"In Alsheim's Reformed Churchbook is mentioned **Michael's** father, **Hans Conrad**, his brother **Johann Georg**, and at least one sister. The Evangelical Lutheran Churchbook in Alsheim gave notice of Michael's second marriage and his death (instead of it being mentioned in the Gimsheim book."

We have an August 19 note from **Betty Jane Kimble** of Alexandria, VA <mountroyal @erols.com>: "...I am a VAWV descendant of **Adam Kimble** born in the 1700s. I am a direct descendant from one of his children.

"I recently found out that what I always thought about the Kimble name might not be right. We have always believed that the name was English and that we were descended from Richard Kimble (Mass. 1600s). However, a **Timothy Kimmel** who is also related to **Adam** through one of his children has said that the name is of German ancestry. I surely was surprised.

"I have been checking a connection from the Kimballs of Mass. and have found a possible link to **John Kimble** father of **Adam** (possibly), who the Kimmel line refers to as **Johannes Kimmel**. If you have any info that could help me...I would be so very grateful. What are the sources documented of the man **Adam Kimble**? Who were his parents and where is this documented?



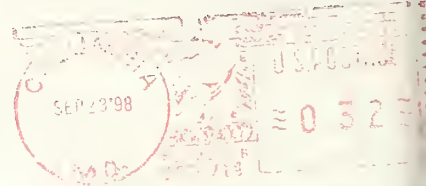
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Susan Riegel Kimmel Black at ages 19 and 62.

the other Kimmel sister: Susan Kimmel Black

by Janice Tompkins

All of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel's seven children except the eldest had strong ties with Jefferson County, KS. The family has had connections in the McLouth, Oskaloosa, and Ozawkie areas for more than 130 years.

Susan Riegel Kimmel, their first child, was born in 1850 in Montgomery County, OH., as were her brothers Josiah (1851) and Henry (1853) and sisters Elizabeth (1855), Martha Ann (1858) and Mary Anne (1860). Rose (1862), the youngest, was the only one of their children possibly born in Kansas, though some records say she was also born in Ohio.

David's family moved briefly to pioneer Jefferson County, KS, before returning East.

"McLouth, a part of the Ozawkie church," says Craik's *History of the Church of the Brethren in Kansas*, "in 1864, the Kimmell family being especially prominent." In fact, David Kimmel was called to the ministry at

Ozawkie in October, 1867.

"The earliest Brethren settlers were David Kimmel and wife and H. H. Kimmel and wife," says Craik, "all of whom came from Ohio, the former in the spring of 1867 and the latter in about 1881. Another of the early members was Abraham L. Bowman, formerly of the Sugar Creek church at Auburn, Ill."

(Abraham Bowman's daughter Lydia married Henry H. Kimmel; his son Andrew J. Bowman married S. Elizabeth Kimmel.)

By the 1870s David and Leah's family had settled in the town of Auburn in Sangamon County, IL. The 1877 Village and Country Directory for Sangamon County lists: "Kimmel, D C (m5-3 Chatham [Twp], clergyman, 400 a[cres], 531 elsewhere, r E line S28, PO Auburn." Also residing with him are "Kimmel J" [Josiah] and "Kimmel H" [Henry] and "Kimmel, Miss E" [Elizabeth].

Brethren records are unclear about the beginning date of David's pastorate at Auburn, but say that it ended in 1886.

Not surprisingly, Susan Riegel Kimmel, the eldest, married while the family lived in Illinois. She married John William Black February 2, 1883, at Auburn. Black was apparently a minister, but no denomination is mentioned.

Family records on this particular branch of Kimmels are somewhat sparser than on the rest of David and Leah's children.

Susan and John had seven children, according to Susan's *Memoirs*.

John David Black, who married Maybelle Cunningham (they had son

Manford Black);

Emily Hester Black Jones, married, lived in Decatur, IL;

William Albert Jones, married, had 2 girls, 1 boy (son Stanley died in war and buried at Arlington Cem.);

Mary Leah Black Harshberger, married Henry Harshberger (they had daughter Leila Harshberger) and at one time lived in Shattuck, OK;

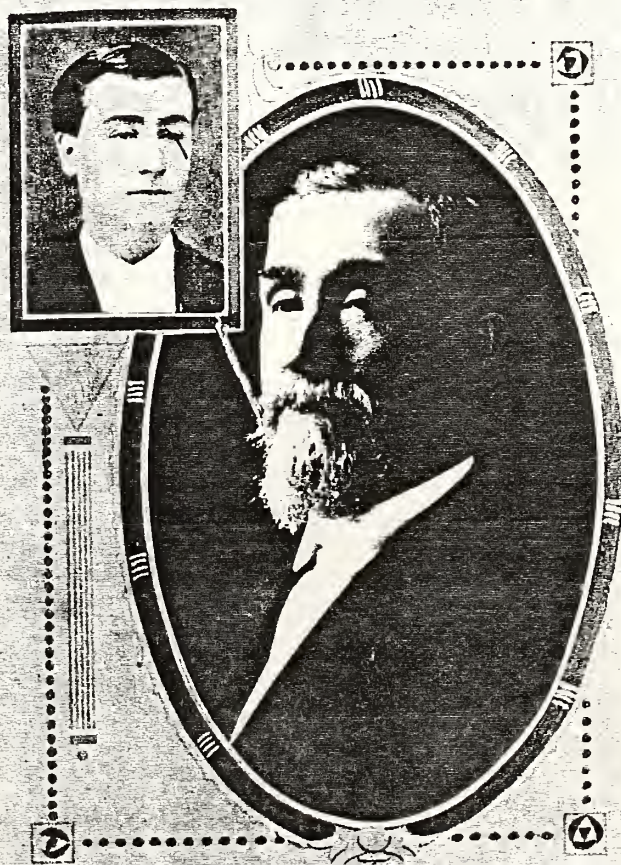
Lewis Alvin Black;

James Arthur Black, who moved to Los Angeles;

Susan Florence Black Gheen, who married Grover Gheen, lived in Auburn;

About 1912, at the age of 62 Susan published a slender volume of essays and sermons, entitled *Memoirs*. On an opening page is a paragraph entitled "Biographical Sketch," which says, in its entirety: "The subject of this notice is the daughter of David and Leah Kimmel. Was born January 18th, 1850. Was married to John W. Black February 2, 1873. Was converted to the Christian religion in the year 1875."

John William Black at ages 19 and 60.





Susan Kimmel and John William Black's children: 1. Lewis Alvin Black. 2. James Arthur Black. 3. Susan Florence Black Gheen. 4. Emily Hester Black. 5. Mary Leah Black Harshbarger. 6. William Albert Black. 7. John David Black.

Surprisingly, almost no personal information is included except for photographs of Susan, her husband and her children. Not all the essays were written by Susan herself; other authors are J. R. Kimmel, "JTG," S. A. Black, Laura Lyday, Louis S. Bauman, and Lizzie Bowman. One of Susan's essays:

The Human Tongue

First, it is one of the instruments of speech.

It is strongly illustrated in the Book of God.

It is termed a little member, capable of boasting great things, and it is pronounced a fire, able to kindle a world full of iniquity.

And, again, its wildness is compared above every other things; yes, every kind of beasts, birds and serpents have been tamed by man, but the tongue no man can tame, because "it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain

Emily and Florence Black



his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile."

By the use of the tongue we speak the words of confession of God, before men, which secures unto us the promise of being confessed before God and his holy angels. By the use of the tongue, we bring ourselves into condemnation or justification before the judge of all the earth.

Susan Kimmel Black died in December, 1918, at Auburn, IL. Her husband was still living in the 1920s, and letters from John William Black to H. H. Kimmel are found in Don Bower's collection of family memorabilia. In 1921 John W. Black wrote from Los Angeles, CA.

"The main thing I came for was to see Arthur, my son that I had not seen for twenty one years," he wrote, adding, "John and I are batching. It is a

very inconvenient way to live." John, he explains, expects to stay in California several months if he is successful in his business.

Other letters, written in 1923, allude to visits in California with the Andrew Whitmer family. "I have no seen Abe Bowman and wife since the last of July. Asa Black and his wife are in this city...I wish you all a merry and happy Christmas."

And he inquired about other family members. "Is Dan Whitmer and wife in Kansas City Kansas? How is Lizzie Bowman's health now? Do you hear from Andrew Whitmers and Hummers? Please give me their post office address. The Church of the Brethren have services at three places in Los Angeles. They are different in some respects to what I have been doing."

Other items relating to this branch of the family in Don Bower's collection are some Christmas cards written in the 1950s to Mabel Kimmel Bower by Emily Jones: "Just 4 nieces and nephews from our family. Mary's Lelia and Will's 3, 2 girls and a boy. A lot of relatives here on my father's side...Alvin & I are here alone. We spent some time with Florence in Nov." (1951).

In 1954: "We visited Florence & Grover about 3 days over Thanksgiving and was nice to

hear them tell of their good visit at McLouth and KC. I was there in 191 few months before I came to Decatur make my home. We are about as usual. Alvin is with me...A happy Christmas, Love, Emily Jones and Al too."

Perhaps someone out there can bring us up to date on the family of this other Kimmel sister, whose children are apparently not on the Kimmel mailing list.



A young Lydia Bowman Kimmel

RECOLLECTIONS OF MY CHILDHOOD DAYS

*Some verses by Lydia Bowman Kimmel
I was born Dec. 23rd, way back in Pennsylvania State, in 1858.*

*Our mother was a busy wife;
Pennsylvania Dutch was she.*

*In stature short was she
and often at the midnight hour she
sewed most constantly,
to make the Garments small and Great
for the young family.*

*She spun the wool and spun the Flax,
and that was quite a task.
She put the wool upon the Reel, and
round and round it went,
until the threads were thick and strong
And she was well content to wind it up
upon a ball,
Our stockings then to make.
And it was no easy task to give them
proper shape.*

*Our father was a minister.
So oft away was he,
to preach to sinners Small and Great
about Eternity.
Mornings he would get the Book and*

read the scripture true,
And then from the old style Hymn Book
we'd Sing a hymn verse or two,
And then together we would kneel,
When Father led in prayer
To thank the Giver of All Good
for all his love and care.

Abe, I wonder if you remember how
Father would always sing in the morning
at family worship. I remember that
morning hymn just as distinctly as if it
had been yesterday.

The Morning Hymn, First Verse
Lord in the morning Thou shalt hear my
voice ascending high.
To Thee will I direct my morning prayer,
To Thee lift up mine eye.

The Evening Hymn
This day has passed and gone.
The evening shades appear.
Then may we all remember well
The night of Death draws near.

Abe, I often think of you and wonder if
you remember as much as I do about
our childhood home. I think it is too bad
that we are so far apart that it is
doubtful if we ever see each other again
in this world. But when we reach the
Pearly Gates, may we admitted be, to
live with Jesus Christ, the Lord
throughout Eternity.

Lydia Bowman Kimmel was born
December 23, 1858, in Carrol
Township, Perry County, PA, the
daughter of Rev. Abraham L. Bowman
and Barbara G. Hoerner. She married
Henry H. Kimmel in Auburn, Sangamon
County, IL, December 29, 1878, and
died in Jefferson County, KS., January
30, 1947.

The handwritten draft of these verse
collections was sent to us by Beverly
Sanders Muzzy, a descendant of Henry
and Lydia Bowman Kimmel.
Presumably the Abe that Lydia
addresses is her younger brother,
Abraham Bowman, born in 1861 in
Pennsylvania. He married Ida
Whitmer, and the two eventually moved

A youthful Donald Kimmel Bower



to Long Beach, CA.

Lydia and Abe's older brother, Andrew
J. Bowman, was married to Henry H.
Kimmel's sister, S. Elizabeth "Lizzie"
Kimmel (1855-1926).



Donald

Kimmel

Bower

1909 -

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Donald Kimmel Bower, a retired Beech
Aircraft tool engineer, died at his
Wichita, KS., apartment on Friday
evening, October 23, 1998. He was 89
years old and had been in declining
health for the past year.

The eldest son of David Earl Bower and
Mabel Kimmel Bower, Donald was born
April 13, 1909, near McLouth. He was
a grandson of Henry H. & Lydia
Bowman Kimmel and a great-grandson
of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel.

Don grew up on a farm near McLouth,
and went to the local schools, where he
was involved with high school sports.
He attended McPherson College for
three semesters and University of
Kansas for one semester.

On November 26, 1931, he married
Margaret Evelyn Champion of McLouth.
They celebrated 62 years of marriage
before her death in December, 1993.

Donald and Evelyn began their married
lives on a rented farm in Jefferson
County, KS., during the depths of the
Great Depression. They had four
children.

After several years of farming in the
McLouth area, the family moved to
Wichita, where Don began working for
Beech Aircraft, first on the assembly
line, then as a tool and die engineer.
He remained with that company for
33 years. He served one term as
president of his local chapter of the
International Association of
Machinists--one of the few
conservative labor union leaders
besides Ronald Reagan, his family
later joked.

Don was active in community affairs,
elected to two terms as president of
the Eureka School Board; he was in-
volved in local Cub Scout and Boy
Scout activities while his children
were young. He was a faithful
member of the First Church of the
Brethren in Wichita and served
several terms as Moderator in later
years, retiring from that office when
his loss of hearing became a
problem. He enjoyed reading,

gardening, researching family history,
traveling, and following sports. Even
after moving into an assisted-living
apartment, he enjoyed going back over
to the family home so he could hoe
weeds in his garden and tend his
flowers.

Survivors include his four children:
Frederick Earl Bower of Wichita; Virginia
Bower Mason of Stone Mountain, GA;
Robert Glen Bower of Benson, AZ; and
Janice Bower Tompkins of Columbia,
MO.

Two brothers, John D. Bower of
McLouth and Gordon Bower of
Lawrence, KS., also survive.

In addition, there are seven
grandchildren: Sharron Bower McGill
and John Frederick Bower of Wichita,
KS; Kathy Bower of Phoenix, AZ; Jack
Randal Mason of Kobe, Japan; David
Mason of Flower Mound TX; Glenn
David Bower of Wichita; Michael David
Tompkins of Columbia, MO; and 10
great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held
Wednesday morning, October 28, at the
First Church of the Brethren in Wichita,
followed by graveside services in the
afternoon at McLouth, KS. Memorial
funds have been established at First
Church of the Brethren in Wichita and at
Trees for Life.

Tim Kimmel's Kimmel Column

KIMMEL SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

#9--NICHOLAS KIMMEL OF BERMUDIAN, PA

Johann Nicholas Kimmel was born to
Johann Philip and Anna Elizabeth
Voltz Kimmel in 1728 in Eich, in the
Palatinate.

He was baptized at the Reformed
church there, under sponsorship of his
uncle, **Johann Nicholas Voltz**. He was
said to be the shortest (5'8") of five
brothers who came to America with their
father in 1755 and settled near
Bermudian in York County, PA.

Nicholas married **Susanna Weber**,
daughter of Conrad and Anna Margaret,
in 1759, and purchased land in
Warrington (the part now Washington)
Township in York County.

He served as private in the 2nd class of
the 5th Company (Warrington Twp,
under Captain James Parkinson) of the
1st Battalion of York County, PA (under
Col. James Thompson). An April 11,
1778, return of associator and militia for

the battalion shows him as "Nichols. Kimble" and can be found in Young's *York County, Pennsylvania, in the American Revolution: A Source Book*. His name later appears in the 1781 tax record in which he is required to produce a recruit for the federal army or pay a fee for the 10th class for Warrington Township.

The family farm was turned over to his son **Conrad** about 1799, and Nicholas moved to Somerset County, where he and brothers **Philip** and **George** had settled before the Revolution. He purchased land near Stoystown in 1803 and died there a year later.

Most of the Kimmels in York County, PA., today are the descendants of **Nicholas**.

A daughter married and moved to Ontario, Canada; at the museum at Markham, Ont., one can view a fraktur with birthdates for Nicholas' wife and children. Nicholas Kimmel descendants lived in York and Huntingdon Counties, PA; Carroll and Hancock Counties in Ohio; Brown, Doniphan and Pratt Counties in Kansas; Allen, DeKalb, Whitley, Clinton and Boone Counties in Indiana; Clarke County, VA; and Berkeley County, WV.

PHILIP OF EICH, NOT DARMSTADT

American accounts of **Johann Michael Kimmel**'s family correctly place him in Gimbshheim, in the Palatinate. Reformed church records there confirm that his sons **Johann Philip**, **Johann Valentine**, **Johann Conrad**, and **Johann Jacob** married there, and the three younger son's children were born and raised there.

Somehow, it was determined that after **Philip** married **Anna Elizabetha Voltz** of Eich, he went to Darmstadt in Hesse-Darmstadt where the children were born and raised. *Wrong!*

I've recently reviewed microfilmed Reformed church records for the Palatinate town of Eich, the first town south of Gimbshheim and **Anna Elizabetha**'s hometown.

The baptisms of **Philip**'s children appear in Eich's church records. Philip's wife's death is recorded there, and it is from Eich that Palatine records show he left with his sons in 1755.

His uncle **Johann Georg Kimmel**'s family also appear in Eich records. So far I haven't found anything at all showing any **Philip Kimmel** activities in Darmstadt.

Here's the puzzle I haven't figured out: how could every American reference detailing **Philip Kimmel**'s family place him in Darmstadt instead of Eich? This includes Stoner's accounts, NSDAR applications, and even the letter of General **Anthony Kimmel** to **Samuel**

that detailed **Philip**'s arrival to Belle Haven, VA. Is there even one actual record that says Philip was ever in Darmstadt?

So **Michael Kimmel**, the Revolutionary War soldier I wrote about in the last issue, was born and raised in Eich, not Darmstadt. I've correctly placed **Nicholas** in this issue in Eich. But when you review past issues of the *Kimmel Family News*, please remember, it's Eich, not Darmstadt.

KIMMEL FAMILY HISTORY, PART 4

The first big influx of Kimmel families occurred in the 1750s and 60s. Here is a rundown of arrivals:

Johann Jacob Kimmel arrived in Philadelphia 8/24/1750 aboard the ship *Brothers* from Rotterdam. His home state is still unknown. This **Jacob** moved to New Hanover, where he married **Anna Dorothea Bechtel** (maiden name unconfirmed) in 1753. Jacob moved northwestward through the next couple of decades. In what is now Macungie Township of Lehigh County, **Dorothea** died in 1765, and **Jacob** married **Anna Margaretha** (her maiden name unknown). The family settled finally in 1780 near Orwigsburg, PA.

Johann Jacob Kimmel and **Johann Valentine Kimmel** were granted manumission (release from serfdom) 3/9/1752 at Alzey, capital of the Palatine district where Gimbshheim lies. They are listed among members heading to America 5/22/1751 in the Gimbshheim church records. They arrived in Philadelphia 9/15/1751 on the ship *St. Andrew* from Rotterdam. Followers of Brethren leader Conrad Beissel, they went first to the cloister at Ephrata. The next spring, **Jacob** led a group of married members to settle the Bermudian Creek area of York County. After his wife's death, **Jacob** returned to the cloister, where he lived out his life. **Valentine** went also to Bermudian, then to eastern Cumberland County, where his son **Philip** remained, and finally to Straban Township south of Lancaster.

Johann Nicholas Kimmel, usually referred to as **John** (Johannes), and his wife received manumission for emigration at Wiebelskirchen near Saarbrücken in the western Palatinate 1/8/1754. They arrived in Philadelphia 9/30/1754 aboard the ship *Brothers* which had come from Rotterdam with a load of Palatine passengers. Hampshire County in Virginia had just been established that year, and surnames of many of the October 1754 arrivals in Philadelphia match a 1767 Evangelical and Reformed communion record at Southfork, near what is now Petersburg in Grant County, WV.

Johannes Kimmel was among the communion participants. The families had apparently accepted the Virginia governor's invitation for newly arrived

Pennsylvanian Germans to come settle the Virginia frontier. **John**'s family acquired the **Kimble** surname spelling.

Johann Philip Kimmel acquired his manumission to emigrate from Eich 4/19/1755. He is said to have come to America with his sons by way of Belle Haven (now Alexandria), VA. It's not certain if son **Michael**, who had come check on his uncles years earlier, had stayed in Pennsylvania or returned to Germany to come back in 1755. General Edward Braddock's troops were gathering at Belle Haven for their ill-fated march to Fort Duquesne, and the Kimmels are said to have traveled with them as far as Frederick, MD., before heading north on their own to join **Philip**'s brothers, **Jacob** and **Valentine**, who were at the time settled near Bermudian, PA. Still being in the Palatinate on April 19, the family wouldn't have left with the main troops on May 1, but could have traveled with later support and supplies that followed some three or four months later.

Leonard John Kimmel arrived in Philadelphia in 1758, according to the story passed down through the family that also says he came from Baden. He is possibly the **Leonard Kumell** taking the oath of allegiance in Chester County in 1777 and on the tax roll for Charlestown in that county. The first definite record showing his presence is the 1786 baptism record for his first son at the evangelical and Reformed church at Berlin in Bedford (now Somerset) County. He is on the tax rolls for nearby Elklick Township for a few years then appears in Monongalia County (West) Virginia in 1800 before settling finally in Harrison County, OH.

Martin Kimmel (Kümmel) is listed as a contributor towards building a schoolhouse for the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at Manchester, MD, in 1762. A daughter's 1783 baptism and son **Conrad**'s activities in the 1790s and 1800s shows the family stayed there.

Joseph Kimmel, a "poor Protestant lately arrived from Germany," was in Charleston, SC, petitioning for a 250-acre grant in 1764. It was granted, but he lived his life with his family as a baker in Charleston. **Joseph**'s wife **Mary** and son **John** came to America with him.

On 2/15/1764, **Anna Barbara**, the widow of **Christoff (Christian) Kimmel** of Eich was granted her emigration papers, although so far evidence of her arrival in America hasn't been found. **Christoff** is probably son of **Johann Georg Kimmel**, uncle of **Johann Jacob** and **Johann Valentine**, who came to America in 1751, and **Johann Philip**, who came in 1755.

Jacob Kimmel was a shoemaker in Walnutmill Township of Chester County, PA, from 1766 to 1771. Then, no record until a **Jacob Kimmel** (son?)

grows up in nearby Brandywine Township, starting 1795.

John Jacob Kimmel and family of Hesse-Darmstadt arrived in Philadelphia 10/26/1768 aboard the ship *Crawford* from Rotterdam. He appeared in church records for Harrold's Church at the Sweickley settlement in Westmoreland County as early as 1772.

Thomas Kimmel was a private in Capt. Philip Graybill's Company in Maryland from 1776 to 1782 and a resident of Baltimore as late as 1810.

Ernhard (Barnabas) Kimmel first appears in North Carolina in a 1796 baptism for his son **Christian** at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Rowan (now Davidson) County. He later joined the Friedberg Moravian Church nearby. It is known that his mother was **Catherine**, for which his father was her first of three husbands, and is believed that they came from Philadelphia. His father was possibly the **Georg Klaus P. Kimmel** listed as an 1806 burial in the family cemetery.

UPDATE ON THE PORTRAIT SEARCH

I'm still stalking the original portraits of **John Philip Kimmel** and father **John Michael Kimmel** that once adorned the walls of the home of **Admiral Husband E. Kimmel**. Charles Messner, now deceased, once had photographs of them from which the pictures in his 1967 report on the Kimmel family came. The fate of the portraits and the photographs are still unknown (at least to me). But it seems members of Charles' family got small photos of the originals taken by his son and mailed along with their copies of his 1967 report. Thanks to **Joan Kimmell** here in Ft. Wayne, I was able to borrow 2.5 by 3.5 photos with Charles' cousin **Geneva Kimmell's** copy of the report. Scans of enlargements of the photos are on my Web site at <http://home1.gte.net/kimmel/genealogy.htm>. Although still not perfect, they are the most accurate reproductions of the portraits. The images have enough detail one can see the braids and fur on Philip's coat and brush strokes in both men's faces. The search for the originals goes on.

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LETTERS FROM JAPAN

Jack R. & Diane Mason

(Jack R. Mason is a great-great-grandson of Henry H. Kimmel. He and his family will spend the next five years in Kobe, Japan, where he is involved with a Caterpillar/Mitsubishi project.)

July 7, 1998--We made it to Japan, have unpacked our bags in temporary housing, received air shipment, gotten computer set up and e-mail now running. We receive the sea shipment and move into our new house (company lease) August 10.

August 1, 1998--Vacation is over and life has started moving rapidly. We are really enjoying Japan. There is so much to see and do every day.

The kids really did well flying. Aaron was glued to the window. I didn't want the trip to end but was ready to stop living out of a suitcase...

Our air didn't reach us till the next Tuesday because it had to clear Customs. It was like Christmas. We were so happy to see our things. Food shopping has been interesting. Thank goodness for Foreign Buyers Club...

We have been running all around our area with the kids. We took them to see Godzilla in Japan. It has been fun trying to talk to people...

We went out to eat the other night and everyone around us were dressed up in their kimonos. Tiffany can hardly wait to get one. After eating at Victoria's Station we took the kids a ride up the mountain to watch the fireworks looking out over the harbor. I had never seen such a good display of fireworks. Then we went down and walked the last part and saw some wild boar along the pathway. I was glad there was a brick wall between them and us. Aaron thought it was great.

We have taken the kids to Miako Beach twice. It is really nice. You can sit on the beach and watch all the big ships go past, and all the cars and people going across the huge bridge. While we were there, a SkiDoo tipped over in the ship's lane, and it was like watching B Watch on TV. The lifeguards all ran out of their towers and grabbed their surfboards and hit the water to reach the couple. The couple were OK.

Sunday we took the train to Suma Aquatic Park for the afternoon. Aaron was in heaven! We



had never seen so many fish. They had a big wave tank that was 25 meters wide, and it held 1200 tons of water. They had an underwater robot, Kuru-Kuru Kun, that cleans the viewing glass. It was one of the largest aquariums I had ever been to. My favorite was the giant spider crab the size of a small dog. Jack's favorite were the 1500 piranha they had...

We finished our fifth day of intensive Nihon-go (Japanese language) today. Our schedule was four hours a day, starting at 10 a.m. and going to 3:10 p.m., with 1 hour off for lunch. We learned a lot and forgot even more. It has been good learning about the customs as well as the language. None of our teachers have quit yet. One (the drill sergeant) even said she enjoyed teaching us (I think she meant Ms. Bubble...Diane).

We have had fun with our sensei (teacher). She made us individually go to the grocery store and get a specific brand of bathroom cleaner. We had to ask since everything was in kangi (Japanese writing). And a specific magazine. We went to the bank individually (two different) and had to ask the bank people how to use the money machine, which we couldn't read, and take only a certain amount of cash out. We went to the post office (two different ones) and had to ask for two 50 yen postcards and three 80 yen stamps. We also went to the coffee shop and ordered coffee and tea, asked for water, and paid. All these places basically only spoke Japanese, so we had fun.

We celebrated tonight by going to the Sizzler in Harborland at Kobe Harbor. We had great Mexican food (tacos, quesadillas, chicken & lime, and a great salad bar with French dressing (standard is thousand island, at least of what we can recognize). Supper was 15,000 yen plus 1300 yen for refills of kora (cola)--\$120.

A new SCM (Shin Caterpillar Mitsubishi) family, Mike and Lisa Marz, moved into Shoiya this Wednesday. We had fun getting them started on food, cleaners, etc., before they came...

Today we drove to Tarumi ward office so that they could get Alien Registration cards and Signature Cards. You have to have Signature Card to transfer ownership of car and also open a bank account. The interesting thing is that stamps are very important and a personal stamp is more accepted than a signature, so Aliens buy a signature with stamp by ward office for 300 yen each.

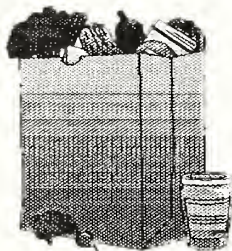
We are now official. We have Alien Registration Card (looks like driver's license), can leave the country with our multiple re-entry stamps in passports, and insurance for our car and house. The only thing lacking is

one more bank account for by-yen paycheck. So far I have been getting cash advances from work and have not gotten a paycheck. I do not have a clue even how much my paycheck will be. Everything is subsidized, so I guess I'll have a yen tithe and a dollar tithe. We also get paid some back in the States. Today we brave going downtown Kobe. Watch out, Japanese drivers!

August 1, 1998--We were brave today. We drove downtown Kobe today, and no scratches on the car. They drive on the opposite side, like England, only the roads are generally very narrow. Side roads usually have very little room for two small cars to pass.

We bought an inexpensive car from the last Caterpillar employee here for \$800... best bargain I have seen in Japan. We have a 1990 four-door Mitsubishi, and I don't know if it is as big as a Chevette. It only had about 30,000 miles on it. You just don't drive too much or too far. We usually take the train because parking is hard to find.

Anyway, we set out to do downtown, about 10 miles away, to find the Kobe Grocers. It is a small store on a small one-way street, but it carries many items you can get in US, Germany, England, etc., and can't get here... But we have been able to find Mountain Dew in the local vending machines and Old El Paso Salsa and Doritos, so we are set...



Tomorrow we go to Kobe International Baptist Church for the third time. This church meets at the YWCA and is in English. It is good, because several missionaries also join us in the evening. They basically have one service a week that meets at 4:00 p.m. for Sunday School and 5:15 p.m. for Worship Service. That also includes a prayer time (breakup into groups) in the middle of the service, just before the message...

August 10, 1998--I just wanted to send you a quick fax that we got officially moved in today. We moved all our air shipment and bags (everything except the computer) Saturday night after we came back from the Kentucky Fried Chicken with our neighbors, the Marz, new from Cat also. Sunday morning I moved the computer and we cleaned the temporary out in the early morning. We've slept in the new house Saturday and Sunday nights, even without beds.

The moving company came today and unloaded and unboxed and set up our sea shipment. Still much to arrange and set up but much was done. ...We can park the car in the garage tonight!

October 11, 1998--This week has been busy, with only one night without

anything.

(1) Last Sunday: We went to church, left at 9:30, were back home at 2:00. Diane cooked and we left again at 3:00 for Sunday School and church and had the Pastor Barham and Assistant Pastor Matsumoto and wives over for dinner after church.

(2) Monday evening: Had leftovers, helped Tiff and Jess with math homework.

(3) Tuesday: Got groceries for next day's dinner.

(4) Wednesday evening: Had a family over that will be moving to Japan in January 1999 from Peoria. Had meat loaf, green beans, salad, scalloped potatoes. They were here looking for a house and are moving next door.

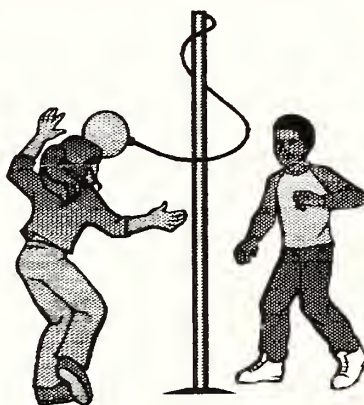
(5) Thursday evening: Nothing. It was great. More math homework and watched a video.

(6) Friday evening: Had dinner at Wendy's on Rokko Island and went to Tiffany's school chorus concert. Drove home.

(7) Saturday: Left at 7:30, back to Rokko Island. Saturday is Japanese holiday.

Sports Day. Kids had to be at school by 8:40 a.m. and report to class for attendance. Then they play team and individual sports until 12:00 p.m. We walk to get Jessica from McDonalds, who is eating with a school friend. We get some meat at the grocery store and stop and eat our McDonalds on the plaza on the center of the island. It's nice, about 70 degrees. Actually, if it wasn't slightly overcast we would have gotten sunburnt that morning. We walk back to the car at school. Then we go to Price Club to get real chips (they have three bags, we take two) and salsa. We leave to go home, take the toll way and get off close to home. It takes about 30 minutes to get 4 kilometers (3 miles), due to traffic jam... We take off to homestore and try to get toilet plungers for Sunday School class. Head home, make dinner and work on my lesson until 12:00 a.m.

(8) Sunday: Leave for church at 9:30 a.m. by train. Get to church at the Construction Office a little ahead of time and talk to friend who has invited us and several other families over to the Japan Sea side (Korea side) in a few



weeks. We have bilingual service. We take the train to Motomochi and try on Italian restaurant, but it is busy, so we walk to Tony Roma's Rib Place.... We find and look at an LL Bean shop and catch the train back to YWCA for church. I set up for Sunday School. Two girls show up this week (lowest ever) plus Tiffany and Diane. We do the plungers where you put them on your forehead of two people and have to swing the ball around until you have wound the string up. We do a mad lib. And then we have them act out Josep and his brothers on lesson on jealousy.

Next we go to worship service. It is interesting, as I pray with one American missionary, one Manager from Trinidad and two ladies from Japan. Last week we had an Indian. We head home after stacking the chairs, and I was asked to help count the money. Then we take the train home and walk the hill to our house....

Travel plans. I need to figure out our schedule for five weeks. I think it's going to be Japan to

Norway to Georgia to New York to Illinois to Washington to Hawaii to Japan. Much to work out.

October 22, 1998--It's hard to believe we have been here over three months now. Things are a little easier. Going to the store isn't too bad, unless it's after 8 at night or before 10 a.m....

I finally have the bank account open and my second paycheck deposited into the account automatically. The Citibank is downtown Kobe, so we only went there to set it up. Actually three times before we got it set up. The first time it was closed, as the hours are 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday



through Friday, and we arrived at 3:15 p.m. The second time we had passports, paperwork signature cards, but no alien registration cards yet. The third time we had everything, so we got the account open.

It's interesting that a stamp of your name carries more weight than a signature. Everybody has their own stamp except Gigenes (foreigners). So we go to the ward office, where we get



our alien registration cards and pay 300 yen (\$2.50) for a piece of paper with our signature that the ward office stamps. We take out money from the automatic tellers throughout the city. It's different as they usually are all closed before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. Most are closed on Sunday. And almost all are only in Japanese. They ask what kind of bills you want your change in. The two ones I tried I got 100,000 yen, and half if it was in 1000 yen notes. It was hard to fold the wallet.

We traveled by train to have parent-teacher conferences with Tiffany's seventh grade teachers. She goes to Canadian Academy on a large man-made island by Kobe in the Osaka Bay. It is several miles wide and long. There is access by car, boat and train. I took the train from work in Uozomi to Sumioshi. Diane and kids got on the same train halfway between work and the island at Suma. We then took a train from Sumioshi to Island Center. We ate at Wendy's and went to Tiffany's conferences.

There are trains in general running every 5 to 10 minutes. There are three different type trains. A local that stops at every stop. A rapid that stops at about every other stop. And a special rapid that stops only a few places. Some stations have all three, some two, and some one. If you get on the wrong train you can wave goodbye to your station. Cost of trains tonight were 290 yen to the island plus 240 yen on the island one way. Kids 12 and under are half price. The tickets are purchased at ticket machines. There are currently about 120 yen per dollar.

Tiffany rode the trains home from school for the first time. Made it home with no problem. It's great that the kids have the freedom and safety to do this here...

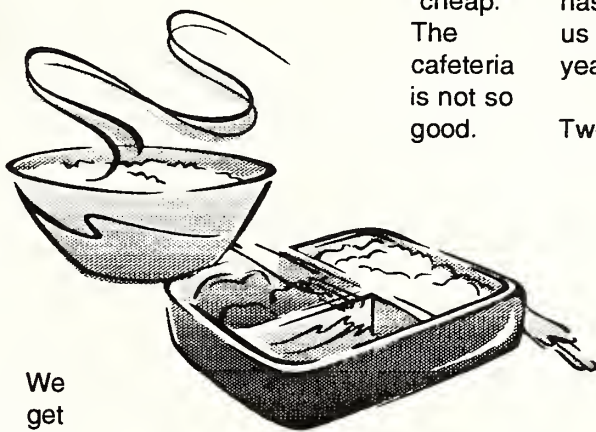
We have started to work on home leave next summer in July/August 1999. We are looking at getting around-the-world tickets, rather than round-trip, because they are cheaper and we can stop at multiple places for the same price. We are thinking about Osaka, Japan, to Sweden to Denmark (about a week), then fly to New York to go to Word of Life Camp for a week in the Adirondacks, then fly to Atlanta for a week, then fly to Chicago for a week of work and doctor, dentist appointments, then fly to Seattle for a few days and then on to Hawaii for a few days and back to Osaka for five weeks of home leave.

October 24, 1998... We are so busy. We watch very little TV. We can't understand if we wanted to anyway, except for 10 minutes of ABC World News every night.

A typical schedule is Jack wakes up at 6 a.m. and Diane and the kids get up at 6 a.m. Jack leaves the house at 6:30

a.m. for the trip down the hill to the Ekki (station) to die the densha (train) to work at 6:41 a.m. Jack is at work by 7:20 a.m. The kids catch the subdivision bus to Canadian Academy at 7:10 a.m. They make it to school by 8:20 a.m. Jack studies Nihon-go (Japanese) between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Diane walks with the neighbors for about an hour starting at 7:10 a.m. Jack has Nihon-go lessons at work from 8:40 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. MWF. Diane has Nihon-go lessons at home 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. MW. Diane goes to Flowertown with Pastor Barham and wife Thursdays to teach English and Bible Study. This takes up most of the day.

Flowertown is over the mountains behind Kobe. Jack eats lunch from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. Oishii-kunai "not tasty" but yasui "cheap." The cafeteria is not so good.



We get a choice

between four or five selections: a noodle dish (sometimes hot and sometimes cold), a rice dish (I like curry rice), a bread dish, and two surprise dishes...that we are never sure what it is. We get a choice between hot and cold tea. Afterwards we get an ice cream and a Mountain Dew. The kids eat in the school cafeteria.

Diane eats out with the ladies from subdivision or church a lot as she is busy exploring Japan. Every other



Friday Diane has Shodo calligraphy class in the morning--painting Kanji letters. The kids and Diane are home by 4:00 p.m. Jack leaves work by 5:00 p.m., walks

to the ekki and takes the 5:21 p.m. densha. I am at the Shioya ekki by 5:50 p.m. and walk up the hill to home by 6:00 p.m. We usually eat and are finished by 7:00 p.m. Kids do homework, and Jack gets to help out. We usually are worn out and in bed by 10 p.m.

Aaron and I got haircuts at the barber today. They don't use electric trimmers. The lady preps you, wetting your hair,

etc., and the guy cuts your hair, all with scissors and then the lady shaves you with a straight razor and dries your hair. Mine was 2500 yen (117 yen per \$), and Aaron was 1500 yen...

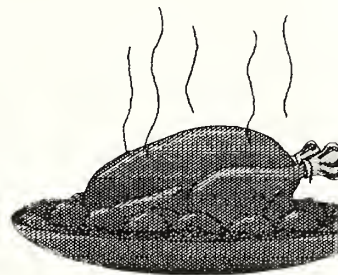
We picked up bread for about 1000 yen. This was for a loaf and a half. The bread comes in 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 slices per bag. If you stacked up the pieces they would all come out the same height, about 6 inches. Some are just thicker than others. The most common is 5, which is like Texas Toast. We try to get 10, which is traditional for US, but hard to find in the store. We buy a loaf at the bakery and have them slice it for us...

November 23, 1998--Hello All! I wanted to tell everybody Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank the Lord for all He has given us this year!

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go Diane and I and kids went to see the Japan Sea side (Korea side) of Japan. We went with four other families from church. We stayed in a large farm house of one of the Japanese ladies from church. It's about three hours from Osaka Bay to Japan Sea. We stayed about one hour away from Japan Sea in Ayabe. We left on Friday and returned on Sunday morning.

On Saturday we saw where they make washi paper by hand. Diane purchased several samples...

Next we traveled to Japan Sea. We went to one of the three "Beauty Spots" of Japan. There is a fresh-water bay that is separated by the saltwater Sea of Japan by a 50-foot-wide strip of land that is nearly two miles long. We rented bikes and rode (about 20 of us) across the natural bridge. Then we took a chair lift to the top of the mountain to get a view of the bridge to heaven. Japan custom is to face backwards and bend over and look between your legs, and you see a bridge from the land on one side to the land on the other with mountains that forms a bridge to heaven.

Next we returned and went to an observatory. It was interesting, because our group was the only one at the observatory, so the Japanese guy kept

locating constellations, Saturn, Mars, Jupiter, etc., and had us look through the large telescope.

Saturday we took a train to see Kyoto. This is where the imperial palace is and very many temples. We were there from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. I am sure we will go again. The leaves were just starting to change and were pretty.

Where we are the leaves are sort of brown, not very pretty, as it was never cold until last week. We are wearing jackets, but not coats...

We had Japanese Thanksgiving (Thanks for Laborers) today, Monday. We do not get off Thursday or Friday, but will celebrate Thanksgiving with the church Saturday. We are having an American Thanksgiving meal at 12:00 p.m. at the Canadian Academy School Cafeteria. We rented it. My Japanese co-manager and family are coming. It is likely it will be the first time for them to come to a Thanksgiving meal, have turkey, come to a church service and understand what Thanksgiving is all about.

Some Christmas lights are going up in the city, and a few merchants have Christmas decorations. A little, not much. Most of the decorations say Merry Xmas and show Santa Claus. They do not have a clue about the true meaning of CHRISTmas. Diane started putting up the tree today.

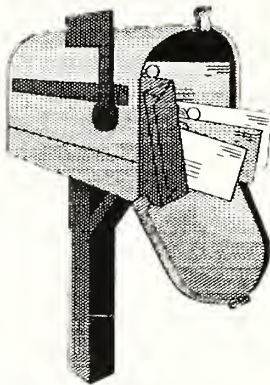
Well, that's about all for a while. Let us know what's happening in your corner of the world. Loveya! --Jack and Diane, Tiffany, Jessica and Aaron.
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family mailbox

Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants:

Florence Conley of Perryton, TX, wrote December 7 and sent along her change of address: "Enclosed is a check to update my subscription to the year 2000 and to subscribe to the Kimmel Family News for **Hans Hummer** of Los Angeles for one year.

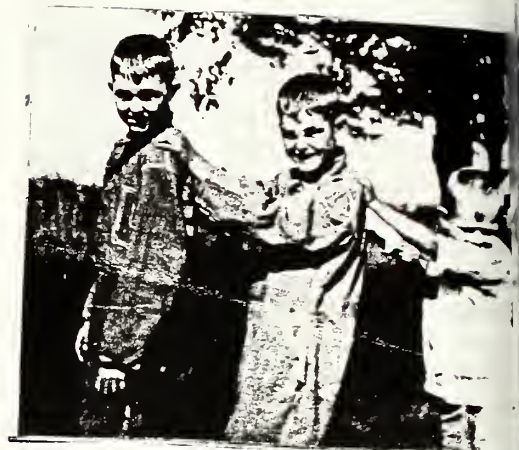
"I am the daughter of **Dave Hummer**, whose mother was **Martha Kimmel Hummer**. **Hans Hummer** is the grandson of **Melvin Hummer**, whose mother was also **Martha Kimmel Hummer**.... Always enjoy reading the *Kimmel Family News*."

Henry H. Kimmel descendants:

A postcard from **Gordon & Betty Bower** of Lawrence, KS: "We have downsized, sold our home. Having auction and moving end of Septem-ber. No grass to mow, no snow to shovel, and half the space to clean. In case of arguments, there is a small patio."

An October 21 e-mail from 19-year-old **Shawn Barnett** of Phoenix: "Sorry for the communication gap. I no longer live with my mother...I have also switched e-mail accounts. You can now reach me at <s_barnett@worldnet.att.net>. I would really love to hear from everyone, as I have not spoken to or heard from anyone in the family in such a long time... If you happen to get this message, please e-mail me. If you would like to write to my mother [**Kathy Bower**] or sister [**Wendy Barnett**], I will print the e-mail you send and personally deliver it to them. It is very important tome that we keep the communication going. Love all, and God bless."

Gary McGill of Wichita, KS, sent a November 27 note: "Had a good



Earl Bower's three sons a almost 80 years old. Don, John, Gordon.

Thanksgiving--hope you did. We had **Frederick, Johnny, Marilyn and Glenn** or to Mom's. **Jennifer** and **David** came over later in the afternoon."



A Christmas note from **Vernon & Miriam Kimmel Kruse** of Little River, KS: "Wishing our best to all of you this holiday season."

We missed sending our greeting last year and wish to let you know we cherish your friendship.

"Our entire family was together for Thanksgiving--all 24 of us had a wonderful turkey dinner and a great time. We were so blessed that our ne great-granddaughter **Ashlie Dee** could be with us for the first time. She was born August 6 in Kalamazoo, MI.

"The past three months have presented challenges for us--**Miriam** is struggling with melanoma cancer--receiving treatment daily. We are grateful for the love and concern that we've received from all of you.

"We look forward to sharing this holiday season with our family and friends. May God's grace and peace--promised by sending His Son--be our hope for the new year."

This year **Miriam** reprinted the collected songs and poems of her dad, **Raymond D. Kimmel**, originally published in 1966 as *Ray's Ramblings*, "to be given to her grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins."



We have a Christmas letter from **Deanna & Mike Tompkins** of Columbia, MO: "...Speaking of years, this past one has been exceptionally busy one for us."

began with the construction of a new home. Since **Mike** is a builder and I a builder's wife, we managed to exhaust ourselves. **Shaun & Cassie** helped us out, and **Shaun** (6'1" and 200 pounds) laughed at poor Mother who couldn't lift but a single board to his three or four...

("In January we are taking the kids on a 7-day cruise, stopped at the Caymans Cozumel and Ocho Rios...)

"Shortly after returning home from Colorado we decided to work on

landscaping our new yard, which turned into another major project. We built a rock creek with two waterfalls which flows into a rock/concrete fish pond. A meandering concrete walk follows the creek and leads to an arched wooden bridge which crosses the creek near the bottom. We built a deck which overlooks the pond and adjoined to the deck is a small gazebo where we can watch our Koi (Japanese fish) swim.

As for me (DeeDee), I've been designing and bidding homes for the construction company. This winter looks to be a prosperous one, as we already have houses booked into spring of next year. When I'm not bidding houses, I've been setting up an office in our home and updating our computer system. Mike's work is demanding, especially when we get four or five houses going at once, but he's excellent at stress management and somehow manages to keep his evenings and week ends free (a difficult task when you're in business for yourself.) One week end this summer we went on a 55-mile bike ride over two days, camping out overnight. Last year, we managed the same ride in one day, but as we hadn't ridden all summer (too busy building our house), we thought that might be too much to manage.

Shaun is a senior this year, and we've been busy preparing for college. He accepted a part-time job where he works every evening but one and some week ends, along with a full school schedule, so he hasn't had much time to complete applications, apply for scholarships, or even interview colleges... I think he's narrowed it down to two choices, UMC here in Columbia or MSU in Warrensburg, MO, about two hours from Columbia. We have hopes of an academic scholarship...

Cassie is in eighth grade this year and is officially a teenager (both in age and actions). She's busy just living her life. She is in the Columbia Entertainment Company production of a 'Shakespearean Festival' and is also in dance choir in school which will be performing around Christmas. She takes weekly voice lessons and spends every remaining second on the telephone or on the computer--actually, she's usually talking on the phone, in a front room, sending off E-mail and even working on homework all at the same time! If any of you would like to E-mail her, her address is wwwentmoo@aol.com. If you like to send/receive mail, believe me, she's a girl!

It seems our kids are growing up much too fast, and our life moves so quickly it's difficult to know where it's gone...."

We have a Christmas letter from **Gary & Sharron McGill** of Wichita, KS: "Greetings to all, hope this holiday season finds all of you doing well,



prosperous, and enjoying the season and those around you. This last year has been a time of change for us, teaching and reaffirming the importance of family and friends upon our lives.

"In January, with **Jennifer** already living back in Wichita, **Gary** was offered and accepted a position in Belle Fourche, SD, as Executive Director of the city recreation facility and programs. This necessitated saying goodbye to our special friends in Seattle. Only after the move was made did **Gary** realize how much he would miss the students he worked with at the University.

"Early February, two weeks after arriving in Belle Fourche, we were greeted with a major snowstorm. Little did we know at the time that this was to be a sign of how things would go for us in Belle. We received a little over two feet of snow--30 miles away in Deadwood, they got over 9 feet in two days, so maybe we were lucky.

"In early April **Gary** went to the annual NIRSA conference in Salt Lake City, UT. He always looks forward to those conferences, as it is a chance to see old friends as well as gain new ideas. In mid April, **Sharron** took a 24-hour bus ride to Wichita to celebrate birthdays with **Jennifer** and **Donald**, her grandfather. The bus ride was very tedious and boring, but the three weeks in Wichita were well worth it.

"The *big* event in May was **Jennifer's** high school graduation. We drove from Belle Fourche, and **Gary's** sister and brother-in-law flew in from Albany, GA...

"Events in June and July sort of run together. **Sharron** had started a job at Common Cents (convenience store) that she quickly came to hate. She had looking for a job using her experience and expertise but in a town of 4500 was unable to find anything. In early July we flew to Georgia for **Gary's** nephew's wedding....

"In August we experienced the event that would have the most impact for the year. **Gary** had his six-month review with the City and his contract was not renewed... He moved back to Wichita while I stayed in Belle Fourche--since I had a job--until late September, when our lease was up. Once again this year, we had to leave newly established and close friends behind...

In October **Sharron** started a new job with AOPA Aviation Insurance as a customer service representative. She had to take the insurance exam to get licensed in property/casualty insurance, but, contrary to her misgivings, she passed with flying colors. AOPA seems to be a good company to work for, and **Sharron**, though swamped and with much new to learn, seems to like her job...

year at McLouth. It started out dry, but we had several periods of heavy rains. We are now above normal for the year. Crops were pretty good, though prices are low. And again, Kansas was green all summer.

"In January, **Gordon, Betty, Mary** and I went to Wichita to visit brother **Donald**, who had moved in an assisted care home. In February, **Mary** and I celebrated our ninth anniversary. In April we went to Great Bend for the midyear meeting of the WCTU. In May I went to the 60th year reunion of my graduating class at McPherson College. Nine of us made it back. **Mary** went instead to the high school graduation of grandson **Sam Miller**.

"In July, **Mary** fell on the living room floor, dislocating her right shoulder. Recovery has been slow, but she is back doing most of the things she did before. I have a new right leg, and am wearing a brace on the left knee. I am planning to have a new knee joint after Christmas.

"In September, **Mary** and I went to Abilene for the annual meeting of the Kansas WCTU, coming home by way of Jewell County, where **Mary's** father is buried. I went with **Ruth & Jim** three times to see **Chris** and **Darin** race cars at Thunder Hill track north of Topeka. They won twice--the last time the 40-lap season-ending Grand Prix! Was Grandpa excited!

"In October, brother **Donald** went home to heaven to be with his beloved **Evelyn**. They found him asleep in his easy chair. He was 89.

"On Thanksgiving day we had dinner with **Mary's** daughter **Judy**, at Oskaloosa. **Sam** was home from Dodge City Community College. **Amanda** is almost as tall as her mother. **Dave** was somewhere on Inter-state 80, after having to wait on a load in Ogden, UT.

"**Mary** still does volunteer work at the Oskaloosa Library and the Baptist Women's Missionary Society. She is Memorial Secretary of the Kansas WCTU. I am chairman of deacons at the Baptist church, Sunday school teacher, and a director of the county historical society and the McLouth Kiwanis Club. I still putter a-round a little on the farm.

"We move a little slower, but we are grateful that we can still go places and do things. We are thankful for the love we have found together, for family and friends who care, for a good community, and for our church, where we share the warmth of Christian love, and most of all for the love of our Heavenly Father, Who gave His only Son on that first Christmas, so that we might have life, full and rich and abundant. It is our prayer that the love of God will fill your hearts and lives at this Christmas

From **John & Mary Bower** of McLouth, KS, a Christmas letter: "1998 has been another good

season and bless you in the new year."
<jdbower@juno.com>.

The Kimmel connection: other Kimmel cousins

We have an October 15 note from **Jim & Ellen Kimmel** of Garden City, SC: "We are NYS Kimmels (retired to SC). So far no connection to any other Kimmels."

November 3, **Eleanor Roubique** of Arvada, CO, <crobic@dnvr.uswest.net> sent a clipping and photo.

The old photo shows (standing) **Kittie Alice Kimmel, Henry Grant Kimmel, Mary Emaline Kimmel**. Seated: **Fred Wellington Kimmel, Leasure L. Kimmel, Mrs. L. L. Kimmel, and Albert Marion Kimmel**.

"Is it possible there are living relatives of these people in northeastern Indiana?" asks the article, suggesting contacts with **Wilbur Buffenbarger**, 636-2803. "Names and dates of births and deaths plus spouses and children's names are available."



Eleanor also sent a copy of "Our New Courthouse" from the local paper's "100 Years Ago in Albion" :

"We find the following in the Indianapolis Sentinel, communicated to that paper by its Albion correspondent [December 12, 1888]:

"Our county is now building a find court house. It is constructed from stone and brick. Its dimensions are 101 x 120 feet, height 76 feet. The basement is 10 feet in the clear; first floor 14 feet in the clear; second floor 17 feet 10 inches in the clear; third floor or court room, 23 feet.

"It has tile flooring, iron joists and nine fire-proof vaults. The ceilings are frescoed and the cost including furniture, clock, etc., will only be \$69,300. It is being constructed under the direct and able supervision of County Commissioner **M. H. Kimmel**, who inspects every stone and brick that goes into its walls.

"Taken altogether, there is no county in the state that can boast of as good a court house for the money. And what is better still, there is money in the treasury to pay for its construction, as a sinking fund has been created by a small levy."

Marta Kimel Smith of Carolina Beach, NC, wrote November 4: "I am just beginning to research my ancestry. Mr. Tim Kimmel sent me a copy of his record on the **Kimel** family in North Carolina. My great-grandfather is listed, **Norman Sylvester Kimel**. His father is unknown to our family. In his obit, his

father's name was **Samuel. Norman S.** was orphaned at six months of age and was reared by his Aunt **Katie Kimel** and uncle **Arch Sink**. They were also listed in Mr. Kimmel's records. If you have any additional information...I would appreciate it. My e-mail ad-

dress is <tghorley@bellsouth.net>..."

Debbie Bliss of <DebbieBliss@aol.com> asks, " I recently corresponded with someone who grew up in Hiawatha, Brown Co., KS. They mentioned neighbors in the 1950s named **Dean & Leta Kimmel**...a daughter **Jacqueline Kimmel**, probably born in the early 1930s. Does anyone on this list know who Dean's parents were? ...I'm

wondering how he is related to my fami

An e-mail note from <HSTerL2728@aol.com>: "**Solomon Kimmel** is my GGG grandfather. He married **Elizabeth Brubaker** and had 14 children. **Jacob Kimmel**, my GG grandfather, was born 2/17/1797 in Somerset Co., PA.

"Little is known of his early years, but apparently he moved to Dayton, OH., w his uncle **David Kimmel** and family [The us!--Ed.]

He married **Susannah Puterbaugh** in Dayton, and he farmed 50 acres of land located on Dayton Liberty Rd. His sons helped build the first hospital at the Sold Home in Dayton. He and Susannah had children. **Jacob** died in 1853 and is buried in the Lower Miami Cemetery.

His son, **Jacob O. Kimmel**, and the four oldest sons joined the 71st Ohio Infantry during the Civil War. The youngest son, **Jesse**, tried to lie about his age and state that he was twin to **Jacob**, and he got in they soon found out he was only 15 and sent him home.

"All the brothers returned home from the in one piece, which was unusual. I have list of the battles they were in and the military record of **Jacob**.

"Jacob married **Catharine Barto**, who had children, one of whom, **Jessie Harper Kimmel**, my grandfather. Jessie had four children, one of them my mother, **Margaret Marie Kimmel**.

"Would be glad to give anyone other names and dates if requested. Also have copies of letters written by the family in the wilderness of Ohio back to the family in Pennsylvania. Quite a bunch. Proud of them all!

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DAVID KIMMEL WAS PIONEER, PREACHER, PATRIARCH

David Kimmel was born April 2, 1826, in Montgomery County, Ohio, the second child of John Michael and Esther Flory Kimmel. He grew up on the farm of his parents and received the limited education of a rural community in those early times.

David's first wife and the mother of his children was Leah Riegel, daughter of David Riegel, Liberty, Ohio. Their marriage certificate is dated January 18, 1849. They were married by John Kreider at Brookville, Ohio, at 11:00 in the morning. That same year they united with the German Baptist Brethren Church (now Church of the Brethren).

According to the American Historical Society's William C. Connely, writing or "The History of Kansas," David and Leah's children were born near Farmersville, west of Liberty, Ohio, and southwest of Dayton, but in Montgomery County.

Those children were Susan (1850), Josiah (1851), Henry (1853), Elizabeth (1855), Martha (1858), and Mary (1860). Rosa Kimmel (1865), was born in Kansas.

Family tradition says that David, who owned his farm near Farmersville, was called to the ministry while living in Montgomery County. A new congregation of Dunkards near Auburn, Illinois, invited David to come to preach for them in Sangamon County.

On his journey to Illinois, the story goes, he met a stranger who owned an unimproved tract of land in northeastern Kansas. Without having seen the Kansas land, David traded his Ohio farm for it.

He continued on to Lawrence, Kansas. From there, he walked overland to eastern Jefferson County to inspect the new property.

The farm was in what was then Oskaloosa Township but is now part of

Union Township; the legal description is "the East 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 33, Twp 9, R 20.

Most of this area was open grassland, with trees only along the larger streams where they were protected from occasional prairie fires. Land near the trees was often chosen before the less hilly and better agricultural land was, because people needed wood for fuel and building material.

David brought his family and possessions to Kansas in 1864 and started improving his land. The nearest school, store, and post office was at Round Grove, two and a half miles northwest. This distressed Leah so much that, according to tradition, after only one year, she prevailed on David Kimmel to rent out the farm to a neighbor, and the family moved to Auburn, IL., where they stayed for 17 years. It is known that Rosa was born in Jefferson County, KS. *Brethren Encyclopedia* in its lists of ministers and elders seems to say that David was ordained at Ozawie in 1867.

At Auburn, David farmed and preached for the Sugar creek congregation of German Baptist Brethren (Dunkards). A congregation had been organized at Sugar Creek in 1830 and had built a new meeting-house in 1864, which it rapidly outgrew. In 1867 another church house was built three miles southwest of Virden, IL, and named Pleasant Hill. When the Sugar Creek congregation reorganized in 1870 at the old location, Isaac Neff was the elder, and David Kimmel was minister.

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David Kimmel, Dunkard (Church of the Brethren) preacher, farmer, Kansas pioneer.

In the 1877 *Village and Country Directory for Sangamon County* is a listing for "Kimmel, D," described as a clergyman who owned "400 a, 531 elsewhere," residing at "E line S28, PO Auburn..." Also residing with him are "Kimmel, J," "Kimmel, H," and "Kimmel, Miss E."

The 1880 census for Sangamon County shows David and his family living in Chatham Township, Sangamon County. David is described as a farmer, 54, born in Ohio, both parents born in PA. His wife Leah is 52, and they have three children-- Josiah, 29, Mary 20, and Rosa, 15. Josiah and Mary are noted as born in Ohio, but Rosa was born in Kansas.

At Auburn, the older children reached maturity and began to marry. Sarah Elizabeth Kimmel married Andrew J. Bowman in Sangamon County, IL., September 2, 1877. Martha Ann Kimmel married Clement Sylvanus Hummer September 14, 1879, at Auburn. Mary Anne Kimmel married



The children of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel: (rear) Martha Hummer, Rose Whitmer, Susan Black, (front) Henry, Elizabeth Bowman, Mary Whitmer, Josiah

Andrew Wealand Whitmer at Auburn December 19, 1882. Susan Kimmel married William Black at Auburn February 2, 1883.

Henry rented the Kansas farm from his father and became a bachelor farmer in 1878. However, he returned to Auburn in December of that year to marry Lydia Bowman, sister of Andrew, and bring her to Kansas.

"Josiah remembered a neighbor girl [Margaret Magill] who lived near their earlier Kansas home and went and married her," January 12, 1882, in Leavenworth County, KS.

(Rosa Kimmel, the youngest, married Daniel W. Whitmer at McLouth September 21, 1886, after the family had moved back to Kansas.)

Around 1881, David and family members who still lived at home returned to the Kansas farm and completed the improvements.

The family was active in the Ozawkie Church of the Brethren and were instrumental in establishing the McLouth church.

David built a large

home on what is locally known as "the George Kell place." He later acquired, moved to, and improved several more farms that were nearer to the new town of McLouth, founded in 1882 when the first railroad was built through Jefferson County. He sold the original farm but continued his preaching.

When he retired from farming, David Kimmel built a new frame house at the north edge of McLouth. Leah Riegel Kimmel died December 29, 1894.

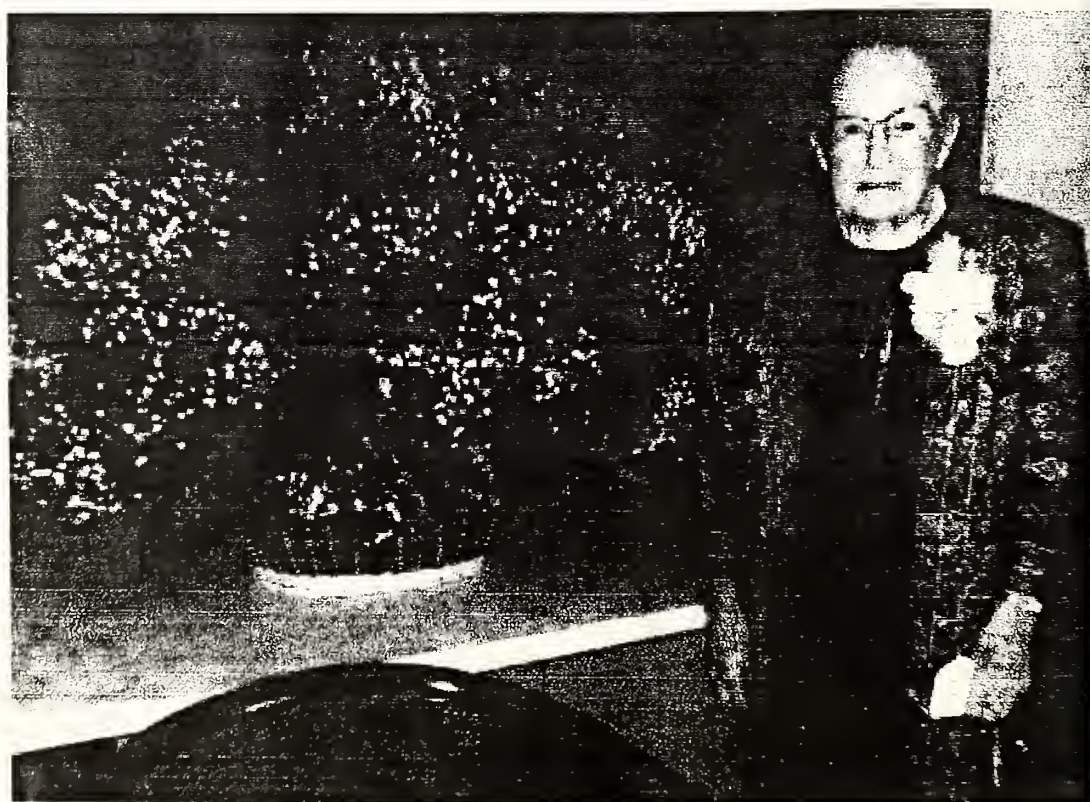
"Sister Kimmel was strong in her

convictions of the religion of Christ, as understood and practiced by the church of her choice," wrote David Kimmel in his "In Memorium," ending with a verse:

*Respected while living,
Lamented when dead,
Her sanctified spirit
To Jesus hath fled.*

David married a second time, to a widow named Sarah -?-, with an agreement that she would inherit only an annual maintenance payment. David died November 2, 1897, and

Mary Hummer and her 95 roses for her 95th birthday



was buried in the McLouth Cemetery next to Leah. Sarah Kimmel outlived him and was buried in Lawrence, KS.

MARY HUMMER HONORED ON 95TH BIRTHDAY

by Pauline Hummer Duke

Mary Hummer celebrated her 95th birthday September 26, 1998. Mary is the widow of Dave Hummer, the youngest child of Clement & Martha Kimmel Hummer.

The picture here was taken on her birthday in her home near Boöker, TX. The bouquet of 95 red roses was a gift from Mrs. Vernon Schultz and her son Brad, family friends for years. Brad rents part of her land since the death of my father, **Dave Hummer**.

In addition to many family members, about 135 friends attended the reception, and she received over 140 cards, making the day a happy occasion for all.

Tim Kimmel's

Kimmel Column

KIMMEL PATRIOTS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:

#10 - JOHN KIMMEL OF PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

The Kimmel name first appears at Southfork, Hampshire County, VA (in the area south of today's Petersburg, Grant county, WV). **Johannes Kimmel** appears on a 1767 communion list for the Evangelical Reformed service performed there.

John (Kimble) leased land from Thomas Lord Fairfax in the area in 1773. He is referred to as **John Kimble** in Public Service Claims for Hampshire County, VA (Commissioner's Book 3, reel 5, p 20 & Court Booklet, reel 3, pp 15 & 16) for a gun furnished May 1782 that was "lost in suppressing Tories." Known descendants used the English spelling **Kimble**. Descendants of his son **Adam** remained in the area. Son **Harmonas** moved to Grayson Co., KY, and son **Lambert** moved to a destination unknown (so far).

KIMMEL FAMILY HISTORY - PART 5: ALSHEIM, GIMBSHEIM AND EICH

the Kimmel homeland. At least for brothers **Philip**, **Valentine**, and **Jacob** other arrivals to America seemed to

be coming from other areas of the Palatinate and the Hessian states. The map shows key towns in the Palatinate.

Konrad Kummell, a native of the Hessian town of Nidda, married in the Palatine town of Oppenheim. There his son **Konrad Kummell** was born in 1610. Also there,

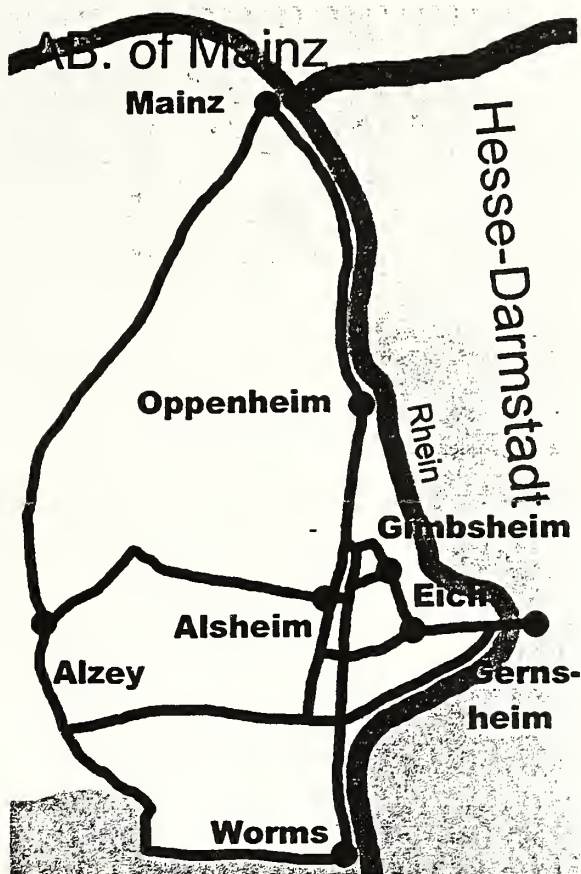
Konrad, the son, sired **Hans Konrad** and **Michael Kummell**.

Hans Konrad Kummell married **Anna Marie Knebel** in Alsheim in 1659, and there their children were born. Known children per church records are **Johann Michael**, **Johann Georg**, and **Anna Catharina**.

Hans Konrad's son **Johann Michael** was born in Alsheim in 1662. He moved to Gimbsheim, where he and wife **Anna Margaretha Souter** raised their children. Known children from church records: **Johann Philip**, **Johann Heinrich** (died young), **Johann Valentin**, **Johann Conrad**, **Johann Jacob**, **Maria Pfronika**, and **Anna Margaretha** (died young). **Michael** was a councilman at Gimbsheim and served as local judge for a year during 1712-1713 and as mayor the next year. Judgments written in his own hand still exist in the town records.

Of **Johann Michael's** children, all of the children of **Johann Valentin**, **Johann Conrad** and **Johann Jacob** were born and raised in Gimbsheim. Their births and baptisms are recorded in the Gimbsheim Reformed churchbook. **Johann Philip** married **Anna Elizabetha Voltz**, daughter of **Andreas** and **Anna Elisabetha Voltz** of Eich. The births and baptisms for all of Philip's children are recorded in Eich's Reformed churchbook.

Hans Conrad's son **Johann Georg**



had three wives, according to the church records of Alsheim and Eich. Only **Rudolph**, son of **Anna Maria Dorothea** (maiden name **Maüer**), is known for certain to be a son of **Georg**. But **Christoph** and **Johannes** of Eich are probably also sons, probably born to his first wife **Maria Salome** (maiden name unknown). **Christoph's** (Christian's) widow, his third wife, **Anna Barbara**, is in immigration records as having emigrated in 1764, although none of the surviving ship's lists for Philadelphia record her arrival here.

In the next few issues, I'll be listing Kimmel references from the churchbooks of Alsheim, then Gimbsheim, then Eich. Since my knowledge of Latin written in old-style German script is limited, most records will give dates and parentage, but might not have sponsors or occupations.

OTHER STUFF

Allan & Betty Kimmel's pictures and story of their trip to Gimbsheim was added to my Web site last summer. It hasn't gone unnoticed by the residents of Gimbsheim. Armin Schneider, a member of the soccer club in Gimbsheim, offered the URL to their Web site, with its links to other local sites. It's <<http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Logo/9127>>.

I got word of a **Kimmel Road** I didn't have in my collection. This Kimmel Road is about 1-1/2 miles long and runs east from County Road 10 (Thomp-sonville Road) about 3 miles

south of Thompsonville, IL.

Deaths



G. Franklin Kimmell, 1922-1999

G. Franklin Kimmell, of Kennett Square, PA., a retired architect, died of complications following surgery January 27, 1999. He had been a *Kimmel Family News* subscriber for several years.

Starting with Vincent Kling Architects, Mr. Kimmell worked with several of Philadelphia's leading architectural firms in the 1950s and 1960s and was involved with many of the building projects that shaped center city during that time. In the late 1960s and early 1970s he ran his own architectural business in Cheyney, PA, then worked for the City of Philadelphia as senior architect until his retirement in 1988.

Mr. Kimmell was born in Petersburg, West Virginia, in 1922, then moved with his family to Birmingham, England, returning to West Virginia at the age of 12.

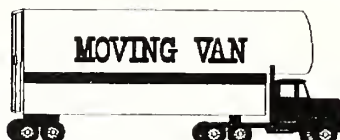
He graduated from Keyser High School in Keyser, WV, in 1941, and recently returned for his 50th and 55th year reunions. He attended Potomac State College and, after the war, graduated from Cornell University School of Architecture Class of 1950.

Mr. Kimmell served with the Signal Corps in WWII and saw action throughout the European theater of war. In recent years, he has been active with the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge organization (VBOB).

As a youth, Mr. Kimmell was an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. This strong foundation, says his son Todd, led to a lifelong interest in the out of doors. An avid naturalist, he was involved in a number of alternative approaches to health and philosophy.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jeanne Chamoulaud Kimmel; children Pamela J. of Northampton, MA, Wendy Daly of San Diego CA; Todd B. of Philadelphia, PA; Christopher C. of Annville, PA; Katherine Dolchan of Cumberland, MD; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his eldest son, Scott, in 1973.

Graveside services were held at Birmingham Lafayette Cemetery.



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Hill, Clara Cummings, 521-1/2 29-1/2 Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81504.

Hummer, Harold, 12305 US Hwy 77, Lexington OK 73051-9309.

Holmes, Beverly Johnston, 3430 Cloverdale Lane, Dallas, TX 75234 <beverly.holmes@juno.com>.

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Kimmel, Jim & Ellen, POB 16263, Surfside Beach SC 29587.

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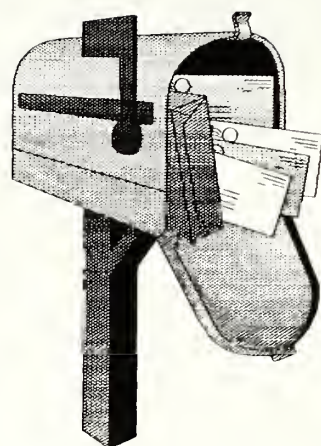
McGill, Gary & Sharron Bower, 428 North Flora St., Wichita KS 67213, <Sharon_McGill@ars.aon.com>.

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Slaughter, Ruth Keller, 5567 Brickstone Place, Hilliard, OH 43026-3879.

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Elizabeth Kimmel Bowman descendants:

We have a January 27 e-mail from **Janet Christie**, a niece of **Twila Pauline Kimmel & Walter Kimmel Bowman**. Walter K. Bowman was a grandson of David & Leah Riegel Kimmel, and his wife was a double Kimmel descendant of J. Philip Kimmel through two other branches.

"Thank you for answering my query on the Brethren e-mail list... **Hiram & Ida Alice Kimmel** were my dear grandparents. As children, my sister and I often stayed all night with them and learned many things from them.

"We usually went to church with them if it was a Saturday night sleepover, so I have some memories of that church, and of course it was where the services were held when my uncles **Earl Kimmel** and **Lester Kimmel** died.

"I knew **Lester** very well. He was always a part of my life until his death in 1962, and I still carry around much of his humor and wisdom in my head. He lived in my parents' home after my grandparents needed caregivers in the home he provided for them. Thank you for remembering all of them, for I cherish their lives.

"I do have information on the Kimmels but always like to have more. **Debby Bliss** wrote to me also and I was delighted to find a second cousin, one generation removed. We are working on later descendants now.

"**Twila Pauline Kimmel** (my favorite aunt) and **Walter Kimmel Bowman** were also part of my store of happy Kimmel memories. Both were a major part of my life and very dear to me. Walter told me he was from McLouth, KS, but I have never figured out the relationship and would be interested to know. **Twila** and **Walter** had no

children.

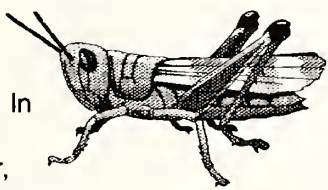
"My maiden name was **Janet Kimmel Reid**. My married name is **Janet Christie** and since 1995, when we left the Kansas City area, my husband and I have lived in the Seattle area, north of Redmond."

Janet wrote again January 27: "I had always wondered about the McLouth KS Kimmels and Bowmans, so this fills a gap. My uncle **Walter** was a dear man. There are so many questions I wish I had asked. On the other hand, there are some I did ask. **Walter Kimmel Bowman** died in Wichita in 1969. **Twila Pauline Kimmel Bowman** died in 1971, also in Wichita..."

Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants:

From **Pauline Duke** of <**Pauline@mail.ionet.net**> a February letter: "...Now that I have an e-mail address, I find it will be easier to write. That address may change because I am getting some really weird stuff which is attributable to the feminine name in the address. It really doesn't take me long to erase those messages. Messages from family will be welcomed."

Times have been a little rough here the last year. We were so terribly hot and dry last summer that no garden made, and the hay yield was down somewhat. In addition to the weather, the grasshoppers were very numerous.



I tried to keep my roses alive by watering them, but I never got to see them bloom until the rain started in the fall. The hoppers ate the buds before they could blossom. When the roses did bloom, they were beautiful...

To refresh everyone's memory as to the members of **Clem & Martha's** family, they were married in the home of **David & Leah Kimmel** near Auburn, IL, on September 14, 1879. They settled in McLouth, KS. Their children were **Elmer, Harry, Mayme, Ollie, Charley, Leah, Melvin, Rhoda, Emma, Daniel** (who died at birth), and **Avid**.

Elmer, Harry and Charley died of TB during the time period of 1903-1905. They are buried in the cemetery at

McLouth. **Leah Hummer** died of the same disease shortly after the family arrived in the Panhandle of Texas in 1905, in their search for a drier climate.

Descendants of **Clem** and **Martha** who carry (or did carry before marriage) the name of **Hummer** are children of either **Ollie, Melvin, or David**. The **Troutts** are children of **Emma Hummer**, and the **Stollings** are children of **Rhoda**. I have the nearly complete genealogy of this Hummer family, if anyone is interested. It is available either on 3.5" diskettes or printed copies for a small fee to cover the cost of each.

"I also have a copy of the early **Kimmel** history, which includes families of some of the daughters of the early Kimmels, and of the family of **David** and **Leah**, some of which is less complete than others. This is also available on 3.5" diskettes.

"I included in this family history some information that I found in a book, *The Pennsylvania-German in the Revolutionary War 1775-1783* by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Richard, ISBN 0-8063-0793-5...

"There is no grander tale of the war than that which relates the sacrifices made by the Pennsylvanian-German Moravians and Mystics in caring for the sick and wounded soldiers who were placed in their hospitals."

Among those was the settlement at Ephrata. The Sister House and the Brother House were converted into 'hospitals' for the wounded and dying soldiers. Many died, including... Brother **Adam Kimmel**, January 27, 1778...

"As to the members of my family, my sister, **Florence Conley**, whose husband **Gary** died in August, 1997, has moved into the town of Perryton, TX.

"My brother **David's** widow, **Mary Lou**, continues to live on the farm near Booker, TX. **David** died in April, 1997. In September 1998, her daughter and son-in-law, **Susan & Benny Randall** of Oklahoma City, became the proud parents of another son, **Cannon**.

"**Mary Frances Hummer** is retired

from her job as a nursing instructor with the VA and lives in Amarillo. **Martha Hall** continues to live with our mother, **Mary Hummer**, in the home near Booker.

"Our daughter, **Virginia Duke**, still lives in Westminster, CO, and works for Storage Tek. **Vivian Black** lives close to us and works in the town of White Oak. **James** has taken over the operation of the ranch and lives with us.

"**Martin** and I don't seem to get any younger. Martin's diabetes makes life difficult for him, and I will need back surgery soon. Other than that, we do rather well.

"Our granddaughter, **Mary Elizabeth Dudley**, lives with her mother, Vivian. She works in Claremore and goes to Rogers University there. During the day, **Martin, James** and I (it usually takes three of us) take care of the four-year-old great-grandson, **Larry Don Dudley**, who really is the joy of our lives. His grandmother **Vivian** and his mother take care of him the rest of the time.

"I am looking forward to the next reunion. I have missed the last two--one because of a wedding that happened to be that week end, and the other because our car was not dependable enough to go that far. We have another car now, so maybe we will be able to come.

"Since a discussion of politics is definitely not appropriate here, I will sign off for this time."

Henry Harrison Kimmel descendants:

From Stockholm, Sweden, we have a Dec. 29 letter from **Andy Fite**: "Hi!



I've just seen an issue of the *Kimmel Family News* and wonder if you could put me on your list. I'm **Andy Fite**, son of **Wade Fite** and **Ruby Rose Kauffman**. Ruby was the daughter of **Frank Kauffman** and **Rose Kimmel** (Henry & Lydia's daughter). (Ruby, born 1921, Rose died 1922.)

"I am a musician (jazz guitarist and singer) married to a Swedish girl named **Boel Dirke**, and we live in

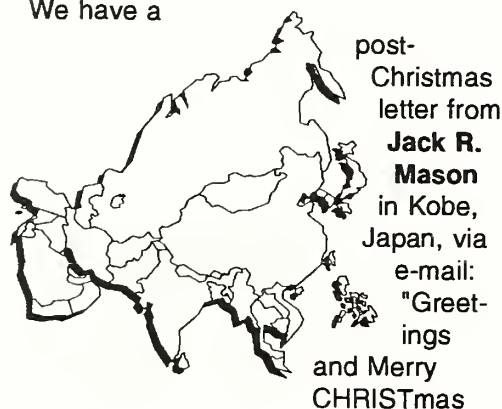




Frank Kauffman with daughter Ruby Rose, who grew up to become Andy Fite's mother.

and Alice, 1."

We have a



and Happy New Year from Japan! Sorry it's been so long since I've written, but can you imagine we have been busy? I'll try to summarize:

"December: **Tiffany's** Christmas chorus concert at Canadian Academy. Went over to neighbors with two other neighbors for spaghetti. Afterwards we went Christmas caroling through the neighborhood with candles. **Diane** and kids went with the church to Christmas carol at several train stations and then to fellowship afterwards.

"I took ceramic Christmas ornaments and gave to each person (18) in my division. It is common practice to give a gift to everybody in the section (usually a cookie, etc.) native of where a person has traveled on a business trip or vacation. I also brought in Christmas cookies. Tradition is to have a Christmas cake and give gifts to children on Christmas Eve. Both Christmas Eve and Christmas are work days in Japan.

"Had a Christmas decorating night at church... called Hanging of the Green. With carols, scripture and message. Celebrated Advent in church. First Sunday was Christ our Hope. Second was Christ of Peace. Third was Christ Our Joy (our family did this in morning and evening service with a testimony, scripture reading and candle lighting). Fourth was Christ Our Love. Had Christmas cookies, candy, etc., with our small youth group of 10 or so.

"Now the past week's activities: Dec. 21. Wake up at 5:00 a.m. Catch the local train at bottom of the hill at 6:00 a.m. to Sonameyia. Take the subway to Shin-kobe and then catch the 7:30 a.m. Shinkansen (bullet train to Tokyo). The train tickets are good for local and long distance transportation. The ticket cost is 60,000 Yen (550).

"**Diane** and I went to Tokyo Disneyland for our 15th wedding anniversary. It just happens to be Tokyo Disneyland's 15th anniversary also. We arrive at 10 p.m. and then take local train to Tokyo Disneyland and shuttle bus to hotel. We are too early to check into the hotel, so they take our bags until room is available and then will put them in our room. We buy two two-day passes for 19,000 Yen (\$170) at the hotel.

"We take a shuttle from the hotel to Disneyland. We eat in Tomorrowland. Two salads, two Cokes, and two hamburgers for 2000 Yen (\$17). Not bad for Disneyland in Japan.

"A can of Coke costs 120 yen (\$1 out of a machine or in a store. A Coke at any fast food chain or sit-down restaurant costs 200 to 300 yen (\$1.75-\$2.50). McDonald's Big Mac meal is 700 Yen (\$6).

"Disneyland is similar to the Magic Kingdom in Disney World in Florida, but they have some things like Honey I Shrunk the Audience and Star Tours from MGM Studios. It was interesting.

Everything is similar, but all are different. The food isn't quite Japanese, but it's not US either. The park is very neat, and people very helpful in the Japanese way. What was interesting was watching the Japanese play the characters in the Haunted Mansion. They can't be sinister and courteous at the same time.

"The lines were about 30 to 50 minutes long, but could have been longer. In Japan it is not bad being in lines, because nobody line-jumps, is rude, etc., because lines and crowds are everyday occurrences in Japan.

"It was cold, everybody was in a winter coat, except us in heavy jackets. There were some foreigners, but mostly Japanese. We went through most of the rides even though they only spoke Japanese. The electric light parade was excellent... because of the Disney professionalism and Japanese attention to detail. We had dinner in Alice in Wonderland's Cafe. "We left the park at 9:30 p.m. and headed back to the room. We checked in. In the usual Japanese tradition, a bell 'girl' takes us to our room, shows us how everything operates, and leaves...not expecting a tip. We have a room overlooking Tokyo Bay.

"Dec. 22. We get up at 7 a.m., check out of the hotel (hotel cost is 30,000 Yen, \$250, a bargain according to residents for a Disneyland hotel) and go to second day at Tokyo Disneyland which opened at 8 a.m.

"We take a shuttle bus from our hotel to the park. We store our bags in a locker outside the park for 400 yen (\$3.50). We shop for about three hours to get gifts for **Diane**, the kids, and **Andrea** (single missionary), who was kind enough to watch the kids for two days. We have breakfast about 10:30 a.m. of a chicken sandwich and Coke. We take the gifts to a locker outside the park and store with our bags.

"We go on the Thunder Mountain Roller Coaster, Jungle Cruise, and other rides. It's cold, and everybody is wearing coats and gloves. It seems out of place with the palm trees around. We have lunch of burritos and a Coke. Mexican food is difficult to find in Japan, so we take every opportunity. We leave at 3:30 p.m. to catch the local train to Tokyo station and then catch a 5:30 p.m. Shinkansen to Kobe. We have Cokes,



kansen to Kobe. We have Cokes, chips, and a candy bar. Later we have a sandwich on the train. We arrive at Sin Kobe at 9 p.m., grab a burger at Wendy's, then take a subway to the local train and on home, up the hill by 10:15 p.m.



"Dec. 23. I get a phone call from Japanese man. We will get delivery of a handmade wooden dinosaur skeleton (like a 3-D puzzle) this afternoon at 3:00. We had given up on delivery, but knew Japanese to honor their word. We purchased this dinosaur from a local artist who makes wooden toys for mentally disabled school children. In spare time makes dinosaur models, etc., and donates most of the money to charity.

We saw a display in Akashi four months ago and spent several hours putting the puzzles together as a family, with Japanese onlookers cheering us on. A couple from Tokyo spoke English and took an hour out of their visit to help us communicate with the local artist. We scratched out our addresses and paid 10,000 Yen to the artist. We figured that would be easier than paying COD, etc., at delivery. But the artist delivered the puzzle himself, with much apologizing for two-month delay in getting it to us. He gave us a nice book of his creations also.

We concentrated on selecting the correct box and carefully packed up the six packages of Christmas gifts for the States. Then wrapped up and addressed them. I keep a list of the contents and value for Customs paperwork at the post office. This takes about four hours.

In between, we run to the store to get our last pictures developed and some pictures enlarged at the one-hour photo shop. In the meanwhile, we get Aaron's last gift, brown package paper and tape, and eat at McDonald's. I and Diane talking to two other American-looking people we never met at the store. We find out that they are parents to one of the missionaries, who are visiting from Indiana.

Dec. 24. CHRISTmas Eve. We get up at 7 a.m., have breakfast, and I

catch the train to Sonameyia at 9 a.m. I meet with Pastor Barham at 10 a.m. and travel with him to a store similar to Sam's Club on Port Island (one of the first man-made islands in Kobe). We arrive at 10:20 a.m. and see that it doesn't open until 11 a.m. Japanese are not a morning people.

"We go have a cup of coffee and tea for 500 yen (\$4). 11 a.m. rolls around. We go inside the multifloored store. It has mammoth shopping carts, those the size of any US grocery store. We fill up two carts with food for the homeless purchased with 50,000 Yen (\$400) contributed by church members. We fill the pastor's large van (for Japan. It is still smaller than a US minivan... at least narrower). We unload at the YWCA in Nada, where we will meet tonight for Christmas Eve service.

"Pastor lets me out at Kobe Harborland, to do my Christmas shopping....which I haven't done, because shopping isn't too exciting after getting home at 6 p.m. every night, and on week ends, Diane and the kids are with me.

Clothes are difficult to shop for, as Tiffany's already too big for most traditional Japanese sizes. So after a quick Big Mac at McDonalds, I power shop, going through many stores in the hour and a half that I have before heading home.

"I take the train home and stop off in the barbershop. It's not crowded since this is a workday. I call the house and have Aaron come down to the barber. After about an hour and a half we have both our haircuts. It takes about 30 minutes for a haircut--several minutes to describe what I want and then several more minutes to have them wrap me up to get ready for my haircut. One person does the prep job, including wetting your hair. Then the barber cuts your hair with scissors, no electrical shears used. Next, another person shaves the back of your head, ears, etc., with a straight razor. Dry your hair, and you're done. We got the best haircuts since we've been here today.

"We walk up the hill, change clothes, and then back down the hill as a family to catch the train to Nada to church at the YWCA. We meet at 6 p.m. for Diane to practice her solo with pianist, who has just seen the music for the first time.

"The rest of us work together to fill 100

shopping sacks with food, gloves, and socks for the homeless in Kobe. We have Christmas Eve service. We sing Christmas songs, read the Christmas story in the book of Luke, Diane sings, we listen to a Christmas narrative, have communion, and have a Missions offering (in honor of Lottie Moon, first single lady missionary to China) to be used for worldwide missions.

"Afterwards we have fellowship and food from around the world. After cleaning up (we have to take all our own trash with us as well), putting away the chairs and tables and loading the homeless sacks into pastor's van, at 9 p.m. we head off to Kobe train station. About 20 go to take sacks to the homeless living in the subway and parking garage entrances during the night. We pass out about half, then head to Sonameyia Station for another 50 to pass out. We notice along the way that it is about 11:30 p.m. We need to catch a train soon, as they stop by 12 a.m. We train home and walk up the hill and get in bed by 12:30 a.m.

"Dec. 25. CHRISTmas. Slept in until 7 a.m. Kids were up and had the gifts organized in piles.

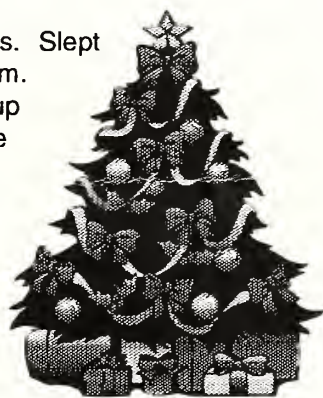
Tiffany and

Jessica

already had the order of service made up. We took turns reading the Christmas story from Luke and then prayed, thanking God for the many presents He has given us.

"We took turns opening gifts. A few toys, but mostly clothes (which are difficult to find in our sizes here). Divine intervention interceded in yesterday's Christmas shopping for Diane... I got the perfume and sweater that she wanted. The popcorn and bath/body shop items were also well received. I got a new wallet and briefcase. Both old ones were worn out.

"We got ready and headed out to mail packages of Japan gifts to relatives. We had purchased the items nearly a month ago, but never could quite find the time to get boxed up and work through the mental gymnastics of going to the post office and mailing six packages to the States. It went well,

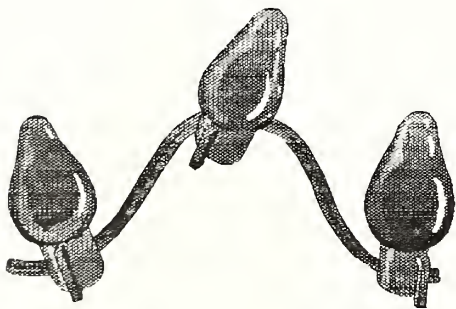


and we were able to ship some by air and some by sea for a little under 150000 Yen (\$140). Better bargain than US, I think.

"Then we went to Okubo via train to see a movie after a quick bite of Christmas lunch at McDonald's. Then we stopped and picked up about 5 bags of food from the grocery store for 15,000 Yen. A bag is one third the size of US bag. We carried these on the train and up the hill home. We stopped by the bakery to get a loaf of bread, sliced thin, sandwich style, for 500 yen (\$4). We made it up the hill to house.

"**Diane** checked e-mail. Nothing. We started cooking our Christmas dinner, tacos. It was good. The lettuce was on sale for 128 yen (\$1) a head. We found Old El Paso taco shells and salsa, made in Australia.

"After dinner and cleaning up, we finished putting together the wooden dinosaur about 2' high and 2' long. The handmade dinosaur skeleton is made from native wood and put together like a puzzle.



"We then headed out to Motomochi about 8 p.m. to see the Kobe Festival of Lights. They block off a street for over 1/2 mile and have Christmas light decorated arches, one after another, all identical. We see the lights tonight because they will come down tomorrow... Christmas is not a holiday in Japan. Nearly everybody works. I took this week off as vacation, but it is a work day.

"Next, we take our 10 remaining bags of food, gloves and socks to the homeless within 50 feet away from the lights. We follow the masses of people to the Sonameyia rail station and decide to take the subway halfway and then the railway home. This works well-not near as many people. The only problem was the drunk we found about 10:30 pm switching from subway to train. Thankfully, he didn't take our train. Alcohol runs freely in Japan. Ususally the men get together

after wwork, 8 p.m. or later, and drink. Many have liver disorders but drink anyway to show respect for one another.

"At the end of the year they have Bonenkei parties, where they forget the old year. I had two this year, one with other department managers and one with members of our division. Both parties have endless beer and sake, but I have them trained, so I get orange juice, water or Coke...

"Dec. 26. Slept in until 8 a.m. Started catching up on paperwork. Sent several e-mails. Locked at further detail on home leave in July, on where to stay in Hawaii and Sweden. I need to get forms filled out for Japanese portion of Income Tax that company will fill out for me. Communicated with US Bank that pays my US bills. Kids played outside for a while, but mostly watched videos. Staying home and doing paperwork is needful, but when the family is used to going, it's difficult... Love, **Jack, Diane, Tiffany, Jessica, and Aaron.**"

A January 15 note from **Betty & Willard Sampson**: "We want you to know that **Miriam** is not doing well with her cancer. It seems to have spread throughout her body. She has a tumor in her head that seems to be affecting her thinking and her movements. **Vernon** has hired a lady to stay with them around the clock because he cannot lift **Miriam**. Hospice has been a big help to them.

"Yesterday we took the evening meal to **Vernon & Miriam**. They have a nice young lady hired to stay with them round the clock. Hospice visits them twice a week. **Miriam** knows us and seems in good spirits... **Anne** spends a lot of time with her parents. **Steve & Debi** as well as **Tom & Lena** also help out. **Shari** helps too. **Dick** has just had knee replacement surgery and won't be able to come to Little River for another week.

We have a February 12 e-mail from **Willard & Betty Kimmel Sampson** <wbsamp@sterlingks.net>:

"Happy Valentine's Day! Each Thursday evening we have been taking a meal to **Miriam & Vernon**. Other family members help in any way that they can. **Miriam's** cancer has her down so that she cannot walk and has some trouble communicating.

"We know that **Dick** attended the Super Bowl game and did some other special things in Miami. We also know

that he has had knee replacement surgery and seems to be getting along well but is having to undergo therapy.

"Vernon showed us a magazine about log homes that featured a new log home that his grandson, **Matthew Lacey**, built at Northpoint, MI. I think that it was in the March issue of the magazine, and I know that it is available in Dillon stores.

"Our granddaughter, **Annette McCoy**, of Charlotte, NC, is graduating from high school June 4. Last year as a high school junior, she made the highest score possible on the SAT test. So we're expecting that she will be able to get good college scholarship. She wants to become a veterinarian and is looking at schools that have good programs in that area."

And March 4 e-mail from **Betty Kimmel Sampson**: "You are wondering about **Miriam**. We just returned from our weekly visit to **Miriam & Vernon's**. Since the middle of February she has been bedfast. She developed shingles on her head. It is improving, with the pain gone and itching coming out.

"Her communication is poor. She usually nods her head and seldom talks. She knows people and remembers things. She often smiles in response. But each week she seems to be weaker. Hospice is a regular visitor and a great support. The whole family is wonderful support, each taking turns bringing supper and visiting. **Willard** and I are grateful that we can be a part of it, also. The fact that she has no pain with her cancer is a great blessing. We know there are prayers on **Miriam's** behalf from all over, and ask for them to continue. Love."



A new baby boy born Dec. 20, 1998, makes **Fred Bower** of Wichita a great-grandfather.

The new arrival, little **Diego Anthony Manuel Barerra**, weighed in at 7 lb., 4 oz. Parents are **Wendy Barnett & Diego Barrera** of Phoenix, Az. New grandmother is Fred's daughter, **Mary Catherine Bower**.

Jennifer McGill and **David Benbrook** were married Sunday afternoon, February 14, at the Boston Center in Wichita, KS. Jennifer is the daughter of **Gary & Sharron Bower McGill**. The newlyweds will live in Wichita.



We have a faxed note from **Bob Bower** of Benson, AZ: "We will be leaving approximately April 1 to stop in Las Vegas for a month, and then on to Colorado. What about the family reunion?"

Virginia Bower Mason of Stone Mountain, GA., is spending two weeks in Japan this month, visiting her oldest son, **Jack (Randy) Mason** and his family.

I have my ticket and my passport," she writes. "I will leave on March 15th. After I get to Dallas there is a 14-hour flight straight on to Osaka. I had hoped to fly through the night and arrive in the morning, but nothing leaves here at the right time for that. I got a fax this morning from Randy that says to buy a Japanese Rail Pass before I leave...\$260 for 7 days and \$414 for two weeks. He also says to bring walking shoes. Everyone walks or rides the train..."

An e-mail from **Glenn Bower** of Wichita, KS just after Christmas: "We had a nice little get-together at Gary's mom's house. I had to leave for about two hours on a call out to locate for a broken water main in Oaklawn. When returned, we watched a football game for a while and then went home..."

I found a new hobby. I went to the BAY online auction web site and have been buying stamps and baseball cards that I have been looking for, for quite a long time..."

Glenn says he's been able to find a **Jesse Haines** baseball card. (Jesse "Pop" Haines, the Baseball Hall of

Famer who pitched for the Cardinals for 18 years, is a Kimmel descendant.)

"**Sharron** painted some clay pots for people and gave some as gifts. We all joked that she should give [Jan] one so she could display it in one of their spec houses. The buyers would probably include the pot in the contract, just like the bear Grandpa made. The design is a green background with a white or red poinsettia and some very small accents around the top. Every one she painted was snapped up by others. If it didn't take so long to paint them by hand, she could have a small business in the making."

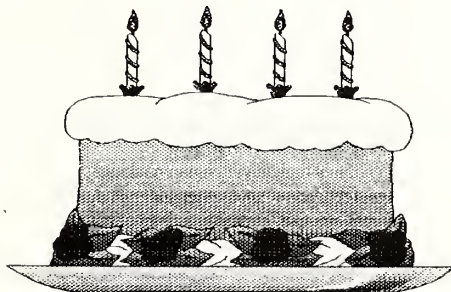
Josiah Kimmel descendants:

From a fall '98 letter from **Mary Lacey Kimmel Bower** of McLouth, KS:

"[**Irene McPherson**] called to find out about **Leland**. He had something like violent stomach flu, and **Larry** took him to the KC hospital, where he was for several days. **Ruth** said he was downtown Friday and seemed okay again."

"**Marlin** and **Irene** had been up in Nebraska to an Army reunion and just got home. They really enjoy those."

"**Jim Kimmel's** big truck broken down so they quit doing corn until Wed. when they are supposed to get it back. They were doing some of their own and putting it in a bin..."



"Tomorrow [Oct. 24] 'we girls' from the class of 1940 are celebrating **Irene's** birthday. She beats me to 76 by a few months. **Marlin** took her out on her birthday last Wed..."

A note from **Lola Hinman Kimmel** of Federal Way, WA: "How about printing the e-mail addresses of subscribers? I have had queries which I wanted to send on to Tim." *Great idea, Lola! Does that mean you're now wired? The Kimmel genealogy e-mail list for new subscribers (free) is <Kimmel-L-request@rootsweb.com>, and regular*

messages then go to <Kimmel-L@rootsweb.com>.

Mary Anne Kimmel Whitmer descendants:

Terry Cochran Phifer of Wichita, KS
<WRPhifer@aol.com> e-mailed us December 27:



"Hey Jan -- Did I get missed on the November newsletter or did you not print one due to your father's death? [Well, it was about a month late, but finally went into the mail about Christmastime. Sorry--Ed.]

"How was Christmas for you and yours? We had a very quiet one here at home with just **Bob, Todd, Brandi** (Todd's wife), and **Brittany** (Brandi's 5 year old daughter). It was great! Nothing like having little people at Christmas."

We have a March 7 e-mail from **Lee & Sue Whitmer** <lwhitmer@prodigy.net (whitmer): "No family news to report from us. My mother **Marge Whitmer** recently came across matching photographs of my great-grandparents, **Andrew & Mary Kimmel Whitmer**, probably taken in their late 60s?. **Andrew** looks very imposing, and **Mary** remained a very pretty woman."

"Their son **Earl** (my paternal grandfather) gave me years ago a decorative copy of their marriage license from 1882, which was designed to be framed and displayed. I had the photographs of the two of them that go with this air brushed and at least partially restored several years ago. The writing on the document is now really fading, and I'm going to have to find someone who can restore it."

"We hope that all is going well with you and everyone there. Although it is still always off, the sooner that we find out the dates of the **next reunion**, the better chance we'll have of getting it off. Take care."

The Kimmel

Connection:

Other Kimmel Cousins:

Joan Kimmell Furtaw of Alexandria, VA., wrote this fall: "Your June newsletter arrived to my brother, **George Franklin Kimmell**, and he kindly sent it on to me. I have spent much of the last 3 years writing about the Pearl Harbor incident. This September my husband and I went to Hawaii to the scene of the 'crime.'

"I have studied this very hard, have amassed most of the books on the Bibliography and written a commentary on each of the hearings, together with newspaper accounts, letters from authors, and **Adm. Kimmel's** remainnig son, now a retired attorney. I've got to the point that all of this is in a looseleaf binder and I cannot afford to go further. I want to make at least 5 copies for interested parties. Oh well, there is always next year!!"

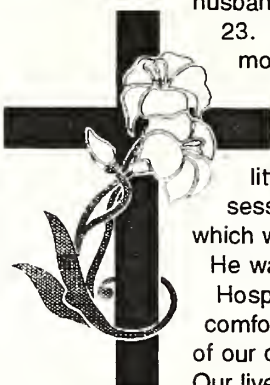
Mac Fox of <mfox@arcola.k12.il.us> wrote in December: "Am searching for the descendants of **William D. Jackman** and his wife **Sarah Kimmel**. She is a d/o **George Kimmel** and she was born in 1848. In 1880 this family lived in Saline Co. IL. There were several children so surely there are descendants living now. This **George** was born about 1820 and married **Cordelia Quick** in Lawrence Co. IL.

"Also, I am trying to find descendants of **George Kimmel** who was born in Lawrence Co. IL in the 1850's. He left there one morning telling his family that he was heading for Indian Country and was never heard from again. Some say he went to Texas, some say Tennessee, and some say California.

"I will appreciate any help anyone can offer. It would be nice to be reunited with these missing cousins."

John J. Schultz writes us from Willits, CA on January 26: "I saw my first college football game in Columbia MO between Okla. & Mo. about 1935 or 36! per our e-mail, put me on your Kimmel list as son of **Blanche Emma Kirschner**, who was the daughter of **Mary Ann Kimmel** and **Jacob Fink** of Crestline, OH."

A sad note from **Peg Gehringer** of Omaha, NE on January 27: "My husband **Bob** died October 23. He was ill only three months, and though he had colon cancer, he suffered very little pain. He had two sessions of Chemo which was unsuccessful. He was at home under the Hospice program and was comfortable with all eight of our children around him. Our lives will never be the same, and we loved him so dearly. I, with the help of our family and friends, am trying to pick up and go on.



"We all enjoy the newsletters. I have recommended it to several other people who have interest in the Kimmel line."

Stacy Clark of Highlands Ranch, CO, wrote January 28: "Thank you for the late issue of the family newsletter. It is an excellent paper. You have so much interset. I really feel like the people writing & inquiring are truly interested in connecting with each other and sharing information. Tim Kimmel recommended this article and I was amazed to find this much info in a newsletter. So I'm thrilled to subscribe, anxious to contribute and r ready to work on this family again.

Beverly Metzger put together a book on Kimmels which encompasses my family. **Matilda Kimmel** married into the **Hayden** family. They were in Van Luc, OH. So they include **Swearingens**, **Haydens**, with Kimmels."

From **Carolyn V. Wladaver** of Palm Harbor, FL <wladaver@aol.com>: "I am a descendant of **Susan Kimmel** (c1798?) and **John Wonders** of York County PA. At this time I am uncertain as to who **Susan Kimmel's** parents were, but I believe it could have been **David Kimmel & Magdalena Wiley...**"

This **David Kimmel** is s/o **Johann Nicholas Kimmel & Susanna Weber**. "Do you have any information that would be helpful to me? I would be happy to provide you with information I learn about the descendants of **Susan Kimmel** and **John Wonders**."

We have a February 7 e-mail from bluegrass's **Dick Kimmel** <<http://www.banjo.com/Profiles/dkc.html>>

Dick, who lives in Minnesota, writes: "The PA Kimmel tour guide information sounds like a great idea. I'd love to even have just a rough map with places to visit if anyone has something like that together. I'm looking at 1999 or 2000 for a summertrip back to the PA/NJ homeland for my side of the Kimmels and Browns.

"BTW - since the tour for **Dick Kimmel & Co** to Germany last summer, we've had German bluegrass players visiting me in Minnesota. Thanks to bluegrass music and e-mail, I've been in regular contact with the German homeland. No Kimmels from Germany, yet."

Pat T of <pat125@erols.com (PAT) asks: "...if I have read everything correctly, these are the siblings of **Sarah Ann Kimmel** b 7-27-1848. I would like to hear from any of the siblings' families with some information for their lines. Siblings are: **Lewis Kimmel** b 1836 PA d 1907 PA m. **Elizabeth Wells**; **Peter Kimmel** b 1839 PA d 1872 PA m. **Hannah Shumaker**; **Jacob Brenizer Kimmel** b 1842 PA d 1906 PA m **Maria A. -?_**; **Samuel Kimmel** b 1845 PA d 1928 m **Barbara Etta Myers**; **Susannah Kimmel** b 1853 PA d 1926 PA? m **Philip Shumaker**; **Christopher Brenizer Kimmel** b 1855 PA d 1917 PA m. **Mary Ellen Shumaker**; **John Goodman Kimmel** b 1858 PA d 1928 FL? m. **Anna Myers**. Any corrections to this? Any more cousins on this mailing list? Thank you."



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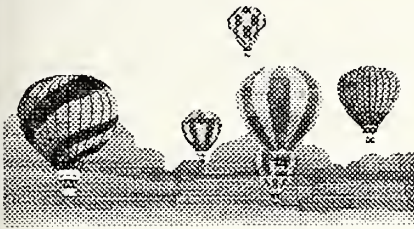
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Reunion 2000 plans - see page 2

JUDY KIMMEL-MILLER ELECTED MAYOR OF OSKALOOSA

A Kimmel is the new mayor of Oskaloosa, KS. Judy Kimmel-Miller took office May 6 after unseating the incumbent mayor by a vote of 103 to 97. The election was held April 6.

Judy was inspired to run by some NO PARKING signs which appeared without notice on her street. "And so she decided to run for mayor of Oskaloosa," writes Tom Lister of the local Oskaloosa Independent, "maybe make city government more open to the people, let them voice their opinions."

Judy admits to being surprised by her victory. "I was totally amazed," Tom Lister quotes. While this is her first elective office, she's no stranger to local government. She works full time at the Jefferson County Appraiser's Office as the personal property appraiser.

Nor is a woman mayor that unusual for the town. Oskaloosa made national news way back in the late 1800s by electing an all-female city government.

A native of nearby McLouth, KS, Judy and her family moved to Oskaloosa seven years ago. A daughter of the late John Wilbur Kimmel and Mary Lacy Kimmel Bower, she is a McLouth native and graduated from McLouth High School.

She and her husband, Dave Miller, an over-the-road trucker, have two children. Sam is a freshman in fire science at Dodge City Community College—those who were at the



When World War II veterans and McLouth area residents gathered earlier this year to celebrate the town's first annual Patriot's Day, **Lawrence Journal-World's** photographer Mike Yoder found some of the participants visiting at the local American Legion Hall, and there were some familiar Kimmel faces among them. From the left: Gordon Bower of Lawrence, KS; Marlin McPherson of Oskaloosa; Allen Hehn and John Sanders of McLouth. Only Hehn isn't a Kimmel descendant. Thanks to Beverly Muzzy, John Sanders' daughter, for sending us the photo.

1997 Kimmel Reunion may recall volunteer fireman Sam being called out on an emergency during the reunion. Judy and Dave's daughter Amanda is a sixth grader at the local middle school.

Judy apparently likes keeping busy. In addition to working at the Jefferson County Appraiser's office, she's also a part-time manager at Gambino's in Oskaloosa, and she's stayed involved with 4-H, high school sports and activities.

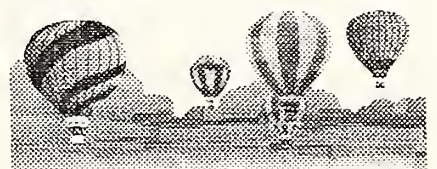
Her hopes for the new city government center around such concerns as parking, possible youth activities, perhaps increased business in the small town, but Judy doesn't envision major changes beyond making decisions more open. "The city staff works well together," she's quoted in the newspaper. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

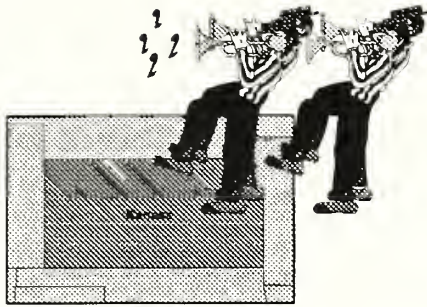
Mary and John Bower (Judy's mom and step-dad), who live in nearby McLouth, express natural pride over Judy's new venture into the political arena.

John, a retired Kansas state Legislator, is quick to point out that he now has two of "his girls" involved in local government. His daughter, Ruth Bower Edmonds is City Clerk for the McLouth, and now his step-daughter is Mayor of Oskaloosa.

"Judy has been elected to a responsible (if thankless) position in the county seat town and Ruth is City Clerk of McLouth, the hometown. Both will come in for some criticism," says the experienced politician. "Judy will have a lot more clout, but Ruth gets paid."

He wasn't shy about expressing confidence in the new Mayor: "Judy will do a good job. She is friendly and capable. Small towns have a lot of problems, complicated by 'Everybody thinks they know everything about everything,' and there is never enough money, but I believe Judy can handle it."





PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR KIMMEL REUNION 2000 AT LAWRENCE, KS.

by Beverly Muzzy

Here's what reunion chairman
Gordon Bower has for you:

Date: July 8 & 9, 2000.

Location, Ramada Inn,
6th & Iowa, Lawrence KS.

Room rates are being negotia-
ted. "Moderately priced." He's
working on a "group discount."
Rooms are available on the
same level and in the same area
as the meeting room.
Meals will also be available at
the hotel. The swimming pool is
available to the kids so the
cousins can get acquainted
while playing together.

Ramada Inn is at the West
Lawrence Exit of the Kansas
Turnpike (I-70). Other motels
nearby include Super 8 and
Hampton Inn.

More details in the next
newsletter or contact Bev at
<rbzmuzzy@grapevine.
net (Rick & Beverly Muzzy)>.

"Please send ideas!!!" says Bev.
"This is not a 'closed committee.'
It's a family affair."

UPDATE ON ADMIRAL KIMMEL

by Edward R. Kimmel

I thought you would like to have
a copy of the attached material
covering the statements of
Senators Roth and Biden
inserted in the Congressional
Record and a copy of Senate
Joint Resolution 19 (SJR19).
Many thanks for your support
and assistance in this important
matter:

ROTH AND BIDEN WANT KIMMEL AND SHORT CLEARED OF WRONG- DOING

Washington, Apr. 15 --
Seeking to 'correct an
injustice' that's more than a
half century old, Delaware
Senators William V. Roth,

Jr., and Joseph R. Biden,
Jr., called on President
Clinton to restore the
reputations, and full
wartime rank, of Admiral
Husband Kimmel and General
Walter Short.

Kimmel and Short were the
two senior commanders of
U.S. Military forces
deployed in the Pacific at
the time of the Japanese
attack on Pearl Harbor.
Both were charged with
dereliction of duty, and
were unfairly blamed for the
disaster.

After World War II ended,
this scapegoating was given
a permanent veneer when
Kimmel and Short became the
only two flag rank officers
excluded from advancement on
the military's retired list.
This, despite the fact that
numerous investigative
panels have cleared them of
singular responsibility.

Roth and Biden wrote,
"Admiral Kimmel and General
Short were among the most
accomplished officers to
serve in our nation's armed
forces. But today, they
remain unjustly stigmatized
by our nation's failure to
treat them in the same
manner we treated their
peers. The message of our
joint resolution is about
justice, equity and honor.
Its purpose is to redress an
historic wrong, to ensure
these two officers are
treated fairly and with the
dignity and honor they
deserve."

Congressional, military and
governmental investigations
into the attack on Pearl
Harbor highlighted the
following:

■ The intelligence made
available to the Hawaiian
Commanders was not
sufficient to justify a
higher level of vigilance
than was maintained prior to
the attack.

■ Both commanders had been
assured by their superiors
in Washington that they were
being provided all essential
information and intelligence
that was available. Neither
commander had any reason to
fear that the essential
strategic and tactical
intelligence was being
withheld.

■ Neither officer knew of
decoded intelligence in
Washington indicating the
Japanese had identified the

U.S. as the enemy. Neither
knew that a series of
messages advising war
"sooner than you think"
existed, nor that there was
a 14-part message
foretelling the time and
place of the attack.

■ Based on the content of
the "war warning" message of
November 27, 1941, General
Short established a
defensive posture against
the likelihood of sabotage
and submitted his plan to
superiors for evaluation.
He received no indication
from Washington that the
actual threat was other than
surmised.

"Military, governmental and
congressional investigations
have provided clear evidence
that these two commanders
were singled out for blame
that should have been widely
shared," Roth and Biden
wrote in a letter to Senate
colleagues. "To reverse
this wrong would be
consistent with this
nation's sense of military
honor."

Kimmel's only surviving son,
Edward R. "Ned" Kimmel of
Wilmington, DE., is working
with the senators to get
justice for his deceased
father. The effort to
advance Kimmel and Short is
supported by the Veterans of
Foreign Wars, the Pearl
Harbor Survivors Associa-
tion, and five 4-star
generals, among others. In
addition, 20 other senators
have joined Roth and Biden
as co-sponsors of a joint
resolution. The matter now
heads to the Senate Armed
Services Committee for
further consideration.

S.J.Res.19 Requesting the
President to advance the late
Rear Admiral Husband E.
Kimmel... (Introduced in the
Senate)

**SECTION 1. ADVANCEMENT
OF REAR ADMIRAL KIMMEL
AND MAJOR GENERAL
SHORT ON RETIRED LISTS.**

(a) REQUEST- The President i
requested--

(1) to advance the late Rear
Admiral Husband E. Kimmel to
the grade of admiral on the
retired list of the Navy; and
(2) to advance the late Major
General Walter C. Short to the
grade of lieutenant general on
the retired list of the Army.

(B) ADDITIONAL BENEFITS
NOT TO ACCRUE - Any
advancement in grade on a
retired list requested under

subsection (a) shall not increase or change the compensation or benefits from the United States to which any person is now or may in the future be entitled based upon the military service of the officer advanced.

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE OF ADMIRAL KIMMEL AND LIEUTENANT GENERAL SHORT.

It is the sense of Congress that—
(a) the late Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel performed his duties as Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet, competently and professionally, and, therefore, the losses incurred by the United States in the attacks on the naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and other targets on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, were not a result of dereliction in the performance of those duties by the then Admiral Kimmel; and

(2) the late Major General Walter C. Short performed his duties as Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, competently and professionally, and, therefore, the losses incurred by the United States in the attacks on Hickam Army Air Field and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and other targets on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, were not a result of dereliction in the performance of those duties by the then Lieutenant General Short.

Remarks by Senator Joseph Biden on the subject appeared in the Congressional Record for April 15, 199. Among them:

“Now, let me review what happened. First, I want to discuss the treatment of Kimmel and Short. Like most Americans, Admiral Kimmel and General Short requested a fair and open hearing of their case, a court martial. They were denied their request. After lifetimes of honorable service to this nation and the defense of its values, they were denied the most basic form of justice—a hearing by their peers.

“...On December 18, 1941, a mere 11 days after Pearl Harbor, the Roberts Commission was formed to determine whether derelictions of duty or errors of judgment by Kimmel and Short contributed to the success of the Japanese attack. This commission concluded that both commanders had been derelict in their duty and the President

ordered the immediate public release of these findings. The Roberts Commission was the only investigative body that found these two officers derelict in their duty.

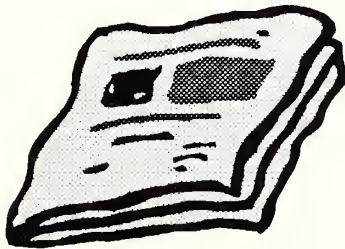
“Several facts about the Roberts Commission force us to question its conclusions.

“First Kimmel and Short were denied the right to counsel and were not allowed to be present when witnesses were questioned. They were then explicitly told that the Commission was a fact-finding body and would not be passing judgment on their performance. When the findings accusing them of a serious offense were released, they immediately requested a court martial. That request was refused.

“It is difficult to imagine a fair review of the evidence given the rules of procedure followed by the commission...

“The historic record is not flattering to our government. A hastily convened and procedurally flawed Commission released condemning findings to the public, while two thorough military reviews which had opposite conclusions were kept secret...

“The government that denied these officers a fair hearing and suppressed findings favorable to their case while releasing hostile information owes them an official apology. That’s what this resolution calls for...”



KIMMELS MAKE THE NEWS

by Eleanor Kimmell Roubique
Denver, May 22.—Tim Kimmel made the Rocky Mountain News in Denver today. He will be the keynote speaker at a family relationship conference at Copper Mountain Resort Friday, July 2-Sunday, July 4.

Another Kimmel was honored at the 26th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards: “Ben Stein and Jimmy Kimmel, hosts of Comedy Central’s irreverent ‘Win Ben

Stein’s Money.’”

TIM
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KIMMEL SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

#11:
PHILIP
KIMMEL OF
CAMP HILL,
PA.



This Johann Philip Kimmel arrived with his parents, Johann Valentine and Anna Maria (Beltzer) Kimmel, and uncle Johann Jacob’s (of Ephrata fame) family in 1751.

He owned the Manor on Conodoguinette (Manor of Paxton or Louthur), surveyed in 1767 and now part of Camp Hill, PA. He served as private in 4th class under John Lamb in the Third Battalion, Cumberland County, PA, under Colonel William Chambers.

His record is in the Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Volume 6, page 207. His name is given as Philip Kimble.

Johann Philip Kimmel’s will, probated in Cumberland County in 1786, notes his wife Anna Maria and children Elizabeth, Samuel and Susannah.

Samuel continued the Kimmel line in eastern Cumberland County. Susannah married Rev. John Andrew Melchoir Schultze, a Lutheran minister who served as Governor of Pennsylvania 1823-1829.

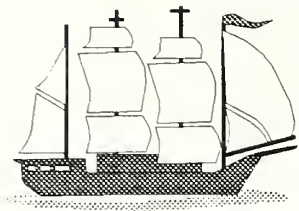


KIMMEL
FAMILY

HISTORY -
PART 6: PHILIP KIMMEL FAMILY
IN EICH

Although Johann Michael Kimmel raised his children in Gimbsheim, his son Johann Philip and wife Anna Elizabetha Voltz moved to her hometown of Eich (aka Eyeh), north of Gimbsheim.

There their children were born and raised until 1751.



Elisabetha's death that year inspired Philip to send son **Michael** to check on Philip's brothers in

America in 1752 and then to emigrate there with his other sons in 1755.

Here are the details on their children from the birth and death records recorded in the Reformed church book at Eich am Altrhein. You can see the record on microfilm in the LDS collection – order Film #1441988.



Listed are the names, birth dates, baptismal dates and sponsors (and death dates):

Johann Conrad 11/14/1722, 11/22/1722, Conrad Kimmel of Gimbsheim, sp.

Johann Philip 3/2/1724, 3/5/1724, Philip Oswald of Gimbsheim, sp.

†**Johann Jacob**, 8/10/1726, 8/18/1726, Johann Jacob Kimmel & Johann Michael Kimmell of Gimbsheim, sp. (Died 1/3/1734).

Johann Nicolaus 9/19/1728, 9/26/1728, Johann Nicolaus Voltz, sp.

†**Maria Christina** 5/23/1731, 5/27/1731, Conrad & Christina Kimmel of Gimbsheim, sp. (Died 8/24/1731).

†**Anna Maria**, 7/24/1732, 7/27/1732, Valentin & Anna Maria Kimmel of Gimbsheim, sp. (Died 11/30/1746).

Johann Jacob 11/10/1734, 11/14/1734, Johann Jacob & Anna Barbara Kimmel of Gimbsheim, sp.

Johann Michael 3/14/1737, 3/17/1737, Johann Michael Kimmel of Gimbsheim, sp.

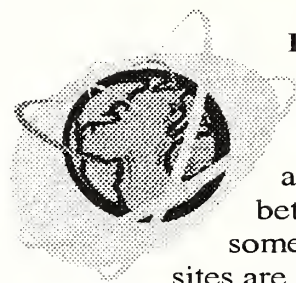
†**Anna Margaretha** 10/18/1738, 10/25/1738, Anna Margaretha [Hillingen?], sp. (Died 11/25/1742.)

Johann Georg 10/23/1743, 10/26/1743, Johann Georg & Anna Elisabeth [Kep__?], sp.

Anthonius 3/17/1746, 3/20/1746, Anthonius & Elisabeth Zarr of [Mettrinheim] sp.

The same records show that Philip's wife **Anna Elisabetha Voltz** was born 12/28/1703 at Eich to **Andreas Voltz** and **Anna Elisabetha Yoisy**. Part of the page recording her death is missing, but shows it occurred in 1751 and that she was 48 years 10 months and 14 days old at death. Calculations would make her death date 11/11/1751.

Records involving Philip's uncle **Johann Georg Kimmel** (brother to Johann Michael), his three wives, and son **Rudolph** are also at Eich. So are those for the families of **Johannes** and **Christoph Kimmel**, who are probably sons of Johann Georg.



INTERNET NEWS:

Web pages are getting better, and some Kimmel sites are among the best. Here are a few new sites to check out:

** Those of you who watch "Win Ben Stein's Money" may be pleased (or amazed) to learn co-host **Jimmy Kimmel** is subject of a new web ring—the Jimmy Kimmel WebRing (ID is "kimmel" without the quotes).

You can get started viewing the pages at <<http://kaeori.net/wbsm/webring.htm>>.

** ARCA racing fans can keep up with **Frank Kimmel's** activities on his home page at <<http://www.frankkimmel.com>>.

** Listen to a three-song sampler of songs from **Tom Kimmel's** CD "Bones" at <<http://songs.com/tk/>> (Click on one of the CD icons to heart it), or listen to "Ships" from his CD "1995 Kerrville Highlights" at <<http://www.mammothartists.com/kimmel/>>.

** The most effective business site I've seen is the one for **Kimmel Tire and Auto Centers** in Baltimore. It almost makes it seem like fun to take your car in for new tires. You just have to see the entrance page in action! (It appears it won't work on all systems; you might need a recent version IE or Netscape browser and an Intel processor,

but try anyway.) Go to <<http://www.kimmeltire.com>>.

DEATHS:



MIRIAM KIMMEL KRUSE

1917 -
1999

Miriam Kimmel Kruse of Little River, KS., died March 20, 1999, after a long battle with cancer. She was 81 years old.

Miriam Kimmel was born May 15, 1917, the daughter of Raymond David Kimmel and Carrie May Tomlinson Kimmel. She attended McPherson College, receiving her Bachelor of Science in 1939, and became a schoolteacher.

She married Vernon Kruse on May 25, 1941. He survives.

The couple had four children: Richard David Kruse of Ladoga, IN; Anne Elizabeth Kruse Hayes of Lyons, KS; Steven John Kruse of Little River, KS; and Thomas Robert Kruse of Wichita, KS. Seven grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24, at Little River KS.

mail list changes:



Boney, Marie Ann, 3547 North FM 730, Decatur TX 76234-6910.

Bower, Bob & Eileen, POB 457, Poncha Springs, CO 81242.

Davidson, Roberta, 57 US Route 41 West, Eaton, OH

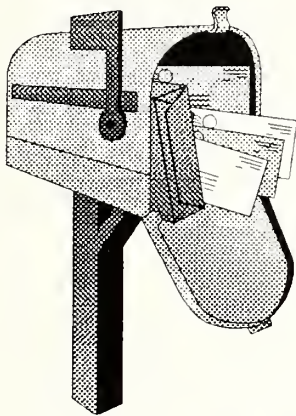
Kimmel, Ernest W. Jr. & Gabrielle, 168 Crusher Rd., Hopewell, NJ 08525.

Kimmel, Stephen D., 5214 East 90th Ct., Tulsa, OK 74137-3537.

Kimmell, Todd & Kristin, 68 West Laurel St., Philadelphia PA 19123.

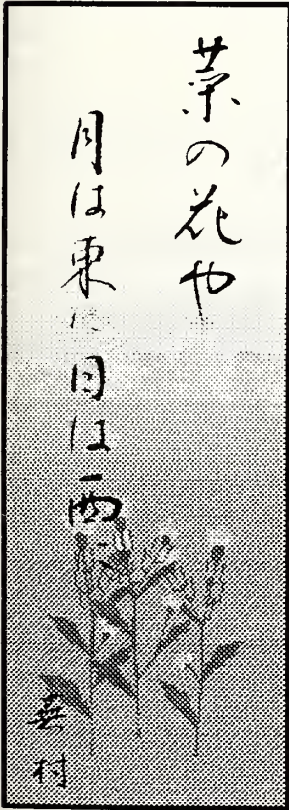
Ledgerwood, Margaret Kimmel, 936 NW 22nd St., Moore OK 73160-1308.

Turner, Robert & Winifred Kimmel, 130 East Third St., POB 71, Tonganoxie, KS 66086.



family mailbox:

Henry & Lydia Bowman
Kimmel descendants



Virginia Bower Mason of Stone Mountain, GA., flew all the way to Kobe, Japan March 15 of this year, to visit with her son Randy Mason and his family—wife Diane, children Tiffany, Jessica & Aaron.

Besides

shopping and sightseeing in Kobe, she and the family visited Nara and Kyoto, Hiroshima, Bizen (“the pottery town”), as well as several of the “Beauty Spots,” the Blue Highway, and a monkey preserve.

Virginia said she felt very fortunate, she said, to have become acquainted with a group of six Japanese women from her daughter-in-law Diane’s English class.

“They loved all the pottery Diane has from my shop or from Jack, and asked us to go with them by car to a town two and a half hours away where many famous potters live... The ladies practiced their English by asking questions and answering mine and Diane’s...” Virginia was able to visit with some of the ladies in their homes.

She came home April 1, thinner, she says, because of all the walking, hill- and stair-climbing she did.



Bob Bower sent a letter in March. He and Eileen spent the winter at an RV park in Benson, AZ.

“I rode my bicycle approximately 20 miles from the exit of Dragoon Road and I-10 to Benson. Only I came the three miles to Dragoon Town—located at the north end of the Dragoon Mts, Cochise’s Hideout location and also the top of the railroad pass (UP). Why they did not build the highway here is beyond me. They must have been paid more to build it in rougher hills.

Dragoon was a Butterfield Stage stop in 1859-1862. We went and walked around one day, looking at the remains of the stage station about 1 mile from town—complete with graves—people killed while building it and some Confederate soldiers. A natural spring for watering horses and 3 gold (?) Mines are all that’s left.

“Anyway, I rode to the town on a blacktop road, then proceeded down the UP tracks on a road that’s along the south side (work road for tracks). This goes downhill more or less all the way back to Benson. Lots of gullies. The most excitement during the ride came at about half way down. Four vans and a pickup came crashing and rattling along that rough road at 50 miles an hour—anything more than 10 was crazy.... At least one car was from Sonora, MX.

The last 3 miles I had to deal with a strong gusty wind which made the going tougher. Mostly 1 & 2 gear-hike going up a steep hill. Lots of satisfaction from making

the trip. Also a nice tan from the 70-degree day. Some bridges dated from 1905 and some from 1998. The only animal was one lone jack rabbit. I don’t care for roads that are paved. Too dangerous—too many cars.

East of Dragoon is a dry lake, almost flat desert, rising up to the crest at Dragoon. West is the 15 miles or so of desert, sloping to the San Pedro River (dry at Benson). Water is visible just six miles south, but nothing gets to Benson. West of Benson five miles is another crest, and then the desert slopes away toward Tucson, 40 miles away.

It was a nice ride for me. I only had Amtrak and two other trains go by me. It took six hours. I was home by 3:00. Not bad for someone 63 going on 30. My bicycle is a Mongoose 21-speed with both front and rear springs to cushion the ride. Best bike I’ve ever ridden. Most fun I had on it. Now I have to concentrate on getting ready to move. And a few trails in Colorado.”

Bob wrote again in April. “I guess we will pull out on Saturday, April 3, in the morning. I’m going by Yuma and another place in California near Parker to look at RV resorts for next year. Benson was too windy, and it got down to freezing every night in December, January, and February. It was always cooler by 3-5 degrees than Tucson. The winds got up to 60 MPH and could be from north, south, east, or west. It got warm most afternoons and was dry but windy too often. I did not get much work done on sculpture after Christmas.

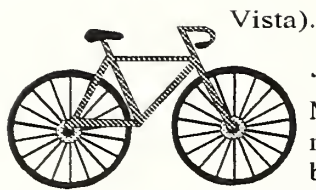
“We went to Nogales, MX, again, and ventured until we ran out of stores...There were lots of shops to look in, though. I managed to find a few souvenirs to spend too much on. I figured out a system—offer half of whatever they asked, and then reduce that a little more. Sometimes it worked. I got a kick



out of shopkeepers who said, ‘Come on in, almost free.’

“Anyway, it was a nice way to go and spend my birthday.

“We will spend a month or so in Las Vegas and then head up through Utah into Colorado. I would like to spend the summer in Chafee County again. Not sure just yet where (Salida, Buena



Vista).

"I bought a Mongoose mountain bike to ride.

It has double shocks, front and rear, so it's softer on my old bones. It also makes it much better on rocky trails. I've ridden it up in the mountains on steep trails. Walked several hills, but you can fly back down if you are not 'chicken.' I am, somewhat—or is it smarter? Anyway, it's fun."

After a month in Nevada, **Bob** e-mailed us that he and **Eileen** are settled in Colorado for a while. He's now on e-mail as <RB_Sculp@aol.com>, but is currently limited to about once a week in accessing his messages since he's working with the phone lines in the manager's office.

"It is nice to be able to correspond with someone again. **Glenn** sent an e-mail to me last night, so he must be doing something right. I bought a scanner today. Now I can hook up the printer and scanner. Then if I read the book very carefully, I might get it working by next month.

"I have been working on the motor home again. I am re-doing the kitchen wallpaper behind the sink. I put in new knobs on drawers and cabinets. I painted a test strip on the rear outside, just trim (dark blue and lavender). It looks better than the old mustard color they had from the factory, but still needs work. But I have the time to do it. We will leave here about June 2nd for Colorado."

We have a couple of e-mails from **Jack Randal Mason** in Kobe, Japan. He wrote March 29: "It has been very busy. I will try to summarize our activities.



"March 14: Brought three pizzas from Domino's to celebrate **Tiffany's** and **Allison's** birthdays. These are

the two regulars in the JH/SH Sunday school class. Had three others show up. Teens are good at smelling pizza from a long way away. Had **Tiffany** and **Allison** celebrate by digging for Smarties (like M&Ms) in flour. I couldn't find Gummy Worms. **Tiffany** had 22 and **Allison** 19 or so. I gave the prize to **Allison** for the least amount. Afterwards they suggested sugar instead of flour.

"March 15: Worked. Had dinner with all the Shin Caterpillar Mitsubishi ISE's (International Service Employees) at the Shin Kobe Oriental Hotel. Social time was at 6:30 and dinner was at 7:30 on the 21st floor. This time we had dinner with the Chairman of the Board of Caterpillar, our Group President of Caterpillar, our Vice President/Chairman of SCM and President of SCM. Us little people usually only see their pictures, not eat dinner with them. (I felt a little like Daniel, humbled, but an opportunity that God gave us.)

"We ate with **Kawai-san**, President of SCM. He was very interesting. His previous job was engineer in charge of the longest suspension bridge from Akashi to Awaji



Island. This is the bridge that you can see outside our window. He said it took 20 years to plan and 10 years to build. They had to make a minor correction after the Kobe earthquake, as

the center supports shifted 1.5 meters. The food was all good, though the description did not help. Our philosophy is just eat, don't ask, don't tell what is in the food.

"March 16: Took half day off. We drove on toll roads to Kansai airport on other side of Osaka Bay after meeting **Diane** on Rokko Island. Were several hours early so shopped around the airport. Mom's flight was exactly on time. It took about 1.5 hours to get home.

"March 17: Worked. Had dinner at work for Japanese co-worker moving to Grenoble, France, for two years. **Diane** and Mom went Sonnomiya.

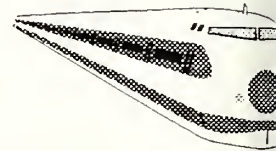
"March 18: Took day off. **Jessica** had to do oral storytelling at school on stage. She did a good job. Her story was on her Grandpa, the artist. Ate on Rokko Island. Warm. Barbequed chicken breasts for supper.

"March 19: Worked. Warm, rainy. Met family and Mom at Sizzler. Great salad bar. Took taxi home, one time up the hill was enough for Mom. We had to remember our right (migi) and left (hidari) to tell the driver how to get to our house. We all fit in the cab, as **Tiffany** was babysitting for the neighbors. Babysitting is expensive, \$30-\$30 for an evening.

"March 20: Went to Nara. Rained all day. Was cold. Saw large Buddha. Museum of National Treasures. Deer run wild. Kids have rickshaw ride. Ate at Kyoto station, Italian food. Train rides were 2-1/2 hours long.

"March 21: Lunch at **Tony Roma's** (baby back ribs). Went to evening service. No one in Sunday school class so went into Singles class, who had no one either. (My Christian friend from work teaches this.) The study was on the miraculous book, the Bible. Supper at **Wendy's**.

"March 22: Japanese holiday. Summer equinox. Also a Japanese memorial day. The kids are out of school all week, and I took the week off from work. Went to movie at Okubo. *Bug's Life*. Ego (English) version at 7 p.m. Shopped 3 hours until then. Had McDonald's for supper before the movies. Snow flurries.



"March 23: Shinkansen at 7 a.m. to Hiroshima and Miya Jima. Returned at 11 p.m. Shrine on the edge of the water. Took ropeway to life and top of island to spider monkey preserve (all out in the open along with us). Great view of neighboring islands. In the afternoon went to the Peace Museum. It is amazing how the Japanese rebuilt from the A-bomb, nothing was left except a partial building in the center. Street car (learned how to pay). Steak dinner for 6 at hotel (\$150) but it was very good (we had no lunch). Took Shinkansen home. A little pricey at \$800 for 5 of us. But the first time the kids have ridden the bullet train.

"March 24: Day to rest up.



Barbequed steaks on the grill.

"March 25: 2 hours of games with Japanese JH & SH students (30) with Mark and

Rob, missionaries. Tape head. First to bring the item. Food-eating relay. Chair soccer with Nerf ball. Steal the bacon with balls and beanie rat. Japanese Church did Nihongo (Japanese) Bingo...

"March 26: **Diane** & Mom to Bizen pottery village. I studied JH/SH Sunday school less. Took a little longer with kids wanting to eat, go outside (it was raining).

walk to the store, go to McDonalds, or saying they were bored every

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half hour. Ate at the nearby Family Restaurant. Likely the first Gaigin (foreigners) they have had in ages. We ate very Japanese food. Everybody had cheese pizza and fries. I had

Udon Noodles with curry sauce. Went back and worked on puzzle until bedtime.

"March 27: Going to Kyoto...."

Next time we heard from **Randy & Diane**, May was nearly over: "Hello from Japan. May has been absolutely FULL!

Friday 9-10AM Signed up at immigration office for visa extension.

Friday 10-3 Got meat, bread, pop etc., to Saturday BBQ. Got Kobe books for 4 graduating HS Sunday School students.

Friday 6-9 PM **Tiffany's** choir concert.

Saturday 6-11 AM Get ready for BBQ. Clean house. Mow grass. Saturday 1-6 PM 15-20 Flowertown English/Bible study group here for BBQ.

Sunday Ashiya Church. Lunch at Japanese House, SS and church service at Nada.

M-W had 9 to 5 meetings I had to lead at work. M 6-8 p.m. had dinner party at work for the same meeting members.

Tuesday had to stay up until 12 a.m. to get presentation ready for Wednesday. Wednesday 9-11 a.m. **Diane** went to party of boss's wife. Wednesday 6-8 p.m. had going away party for my boss after work.

Thursday 3:30 -5:30 **Tiffany** soccer practice.

Friday. Get ready for BBQ on Saturday.

Sat. 7-12 **Jess & Aaron** soccer practice.

Sat 12-5 clean up for BBQ
Sat 5-10 p.m. BBQ for Singles, who are preparing for Praise Service in a week.

Sun. Ashiya Church, potluck, last

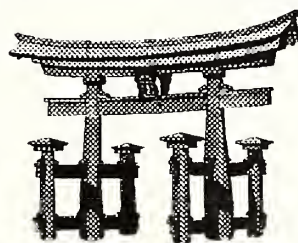
SS - pizza party, graduate service in Nada. Food afterwards.

I am getting a 5-year-old car from my boss. 23,000 Yen (\$2000). They will take my 10-year-old car away and scrap it if I pay them 1,000 Yen (\$900).

We have to

make three trips to get our visa extended, update Alien Registration, and get re-entry stamps.

We got our Japanese driver's license. It took from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. We had a 10-question 5-minute test, vision test and driving test. It wasn't real easy, but divine intervention helped us through.



months away.

Well, much more to write later. Love, **Randy, Diane, Tiff, Jess, Aaron.**"

An e-mail from **Bob Bower**, giving us his new mailing address in Poncha Springs, CO. "No phone #, limited AOL access, will send comments when I can. I am hooked up temporarily at the office of the RV park. Monarch Spur RV Park, which is 11 miles west of Salida at 8600 ft. Did not like the setup at Buena Vista park, so we came here. Have lots of email to read and answer. Come visit. We have room."



Glenn Bower of Wichita, KS., e-mailed us May 5, just after the Oklahoma and Kansas tornadoes:

"We are ok. The tornadoes wiped out South Wichita and most of the core area of Haysville. From the areas I visited during work, when I located the buried telephone lines so that KGE could install new



Does anyone know the year or occasion? Anna Kimmel Sanders, Leslie Kimmel, Ray Kimmel, Barbara Bowman Steeper, Mabel Kimmel Bower, Hazel Bowman Foreman, Louis Kimmel, Nettie Kimmel Clark, Ben Foreman

power lines and poles, every house or business south of I-235 was damaged in some way or had debris in the yard from other areas that were hit. Mile-long sections of power lines/poles were knocked to the ground and found their way to the middle of the street.

"I saw one of the new steel light poles wrapped around a car like a bow ribbon, and several two-by-fours impaled into big trees like needles in a pin cushion. Mother Nature demonstrates once again who is the boss in the real world.

"On the bright side, there was no flooding to complicate things, and the hail was small and caused little damage. We hope the folks down in Oklahoma are doing well also."



Our spies tell us that **Andy Taylor** of Ozawkie, KS., recently left for 10 weeks Basic training in the Reserves at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.

The Topeka Church of the Brethren bulletin asks for prayers for his safety.

"Pray also at this time for his wife **Racheal** and son **James**," they ask, as well as the new baby that's coming along.

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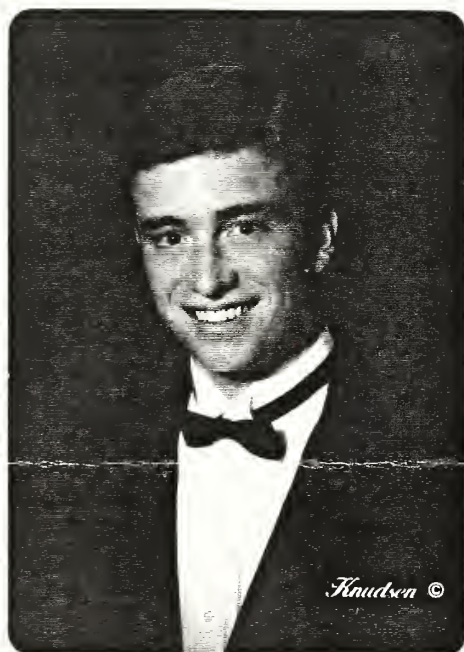
PVT TAYLOR, ANDY
3d Training Brigade
495 Iowa Ave Unit E210 3 Plt

Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473-8958.

"Please send ONLY a letter. No packages, please!" says the church bulletin.

Ken & Janice Bower Tompkins of Columbia, MO., enjoyed a visit in May from **Virginia Bower Mason** of Stone Mountain, GA., and **Marilyn Griffin Bower** of Wichita, KS.

Activities included lots of "shopping," which didn't necessarily involve BUYING, but does mean covering a lot of ground. ("Lots of touching and ooohing and not much buying," to quote a male member of the family who must have been along on some of these shopping trips.) Also sorting through old needlework by grandmothers and, of course, the required paperback book exchange.



Shaun Tompkins of Columbia, MO, (pictured above) turned 18 on June 3 and graduated from Hickman High School on June 5 "with high honors."

He had some tough competition. Of a class of more than 650 seniors, only 32 Hickman students outranked him by earning "with highest honors," and one of those classmates earned a perfect SAT score.

Shaun also received two academic awards. He plans to attend the University of Missouri this fall, probably majoring in biology.

Shaun's little sister, **Cassie Tompkins**, is once again on the honor roll at Jefferson Junior High.

Sharron Bower McGill of Wichita, KS, says she's looking forward to a visit on July 28 from her sister's family—"Kathy, Shawn, Wendy, Diego and Little Diego!" Sharron says she's taking time off from work to enjoy her sister's family's visit.

the Kimmel Connection: other Kimmel cousins

Kathy Wiles of Florida wrote March 27: "My cousin in Dayton, OH, sent me your address off the KFN. I am a distant Kimmel relative and would be interested in learning more about the Kimmel family and just where I might fit in. My great-grandmother was **Ellen Kimmel**, married to **William H. Stuck**."

Vic Kimmel of Florida called to tell us he'd just noticed that the photograph of **Josiah Riegel Kimmel** looks just like his dad. We hope he'll send us a copy of a photo of his dad so we can see too.

Ron & Maxine Kimmel of Ronan, MT, who came to the 1997 Kimmel reunion at McLouth, wrote in March: "So glad to get another Kimmel family newsletter..."

After Easter I hope to get some Kimmel info together to have you publish in next issue. Church activities plus being a councilwoman in our town of Ronan keep me busy.

"**Ron** and I are fine--had a new great-granddaughter in Jan. Hoping to come to Kansas again next summer...Hope you are well I know getting ready for Easter and spring chores. God bless."

Duane Sawhill of 15 Rocky Hill Road, Brewster MA 02631, a **Croner** cousin, wrote May 24: "My health has 'crashed' since I last communicated with you. I am now 'legally blind' and can no longer read or write. However, I can talk and if you will send me a time on either Saturday or Sunday I will call you and answer your questions. Do hurry as I am to go to the hospital June 21 for a hip replacement which will lay me up for most of the summer."

An e-mail from Pat T of <pat125@erols.com> (PAT)> "...I am working on this beautiful stack of paper that has miraculously appeared, containing loads of Kimmel information...In this stack of papers I found a list of Kimmel buried at the St. John's Church. Most senior on the list is **George Kimmel** b 1790. Others are **Elisabeth, Andreas, Jacob, Johannes, Maria Magdalena, Catharina Elizabeth, and Hanna**..."

In this issue: new Mayor Kimmel, Kimmel reunion July 2000, update on Admiral Kimmel, more Kimmel soldiers in the American Revolution, the Kimmels in Eich, Internet news, deaths, family letters, and more..

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* Kimmels in Germany * family letters * family news updates and more ***

PENNSYLVANIAN JOHN A. KIMMEL REACHES THE CENTURY MARK

*by Warren Kimmel
of Trumbull, CT*

Pennsylvania's John A. Kimmel celebrated his 100th birthday this August 14.

Family members hosted a birthday party for him the following day. The photo on the left was taken last December.

Uncle John is the last surviving member of Aaron Kimmel's 21 children. He grew up on a family farm at Sacramento, PA, which is still in the hands of Kimmel relatives.

John Kimmel's varied careers led him to mining, and he ended up as a mine engineer in the coal regions of Pennsylvania.

"His health is excellent for his age, his memory is fantastic," says his nephew.

"If someone remembers an



John A Kimmel of Sacramento, PA., in December, 1998. Photo courtesy of Warren Kimmel.

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incident and doesn't have the facts right, he will remember these and make corrections as needed." For any who want to send congratulatory greetings, John Kimmel's mail address is:

John A. Kimmel
201 North Walnut Street,
Mount Carmel, PA 17851.

KIMMEL REUNION 2000 PLANS UPDATED

by Beverly Sanders Muzzy

BRING THE KIDS, THE GRANDKIDS, AND THEIR SWIMSUITS!!! The Kimmel Reunion will be held **July 8 and 9, 2000**, at the Ramada Inn, 2222 West Sixth Street, Lawrence, KS, 66049 (Telephone 785-842-7030).

The Ramada (AAA Three Diamond Rating) has 110 rooms, 66% non-smoking. Amenities include: TV in room, café, and swimming pool. Moderately priced: \$65 daily, with AAA and AARP discounts. Further discounts will depend on the number of guests we can guarantee.

We have engaged two Meeting Rooms, with a combined area of more than 2000 square feet, for our get-together. With Meeting Rooms and guest rooms all on the first floor, it should be convenient for all, including any who might have special needs. Motel facilities are sufficient to provide comfort for guests who may wish to spend the entire time of the reunion indoors.

We will have two meals served to our group: Saturday evening and Sunday noon. The costs of the meals are still pending. [Note: For a first floor room, we recommend booking soon.]



Clinton Lake.

If you plan to attend, in addition to reserving your room at the motel, will you please let Beverly Muzzy know? We really need a headcount to insure we'll have enough sleeping rooms, meeting space, and food!

E-mail: <rzbmuzzy@grapevine.net> or phone 913-796-6935, or mail 21370 259th Street, McLouth, KS 66054.

We'll have a Story-Telling Time, so bring your best Kimmel story.

Bring your photo albums, scrapbooks, Kimmel collectibles, heirlooms, quilts, etc., for display.

For Friday arrivals, there will be information available so you can become acquainted with other family guests and perhaps go out to eat together.

We will have our Memorial Service on Sunday morning. This is our time to remember our loved ones who have passed away in the past three years, since our last reunion. If you will please let us know of someone we should include in this service, it will help us as we plan it.

Please bring your talents with you, whatever they may be: musical, poetry, a skit, etc. We'll have our sing-along and talent show after the Saturday evening meal.

We are going to try something new this time: a little "fund-raiser." We'll hold a raffle. Proceeds will go into our Kimmel Family Reunion Fund.

If you have something of "Kimmel" interest (craft, photograph, etc.) and want to donate it, another Kimmel will get to win it. What's "new" today will become an heirloom in the future. We are not asking you to part with sentimental heirlooms or expensive items. This is a way to share and have fun.

Bring whatever you think

Lawrence also has two camping areas: KOA and

someone else might enjoy: a Kinko's copy of a Kimmel article from a newspaper, a nice photograph of a family church, or a 'gathering of Kimmels' are examples. Items that will fit into a suitcase are recommended.

We welcome your suggestions, both visual and discussion, for our program. This is your family reunion, and we want you to enjoy it. Mark your calendars! Call other Kimmels and remind them.

Please plan to attend! We look forward to seeing familiar faces and lots of new ones! In future newsletters, there will be more information on this reunion.

IS THERE ANYTHING TO DO IN LAWRENCE?

Lawrence, KS., founded by New England abolitionists in 1854, has an exciting history. "We've been sacked, sieged, pillaged and burned," says an information brochure from the Lawrence Convention & Visitors Bureau. "These days, things tend to be more subdued..."

The border raids that were precursors of the American Civil War targeted this part of Kansas as people struggled to determine whether Kansas would enter the Union as a Free or Slave State. Lawrence was a well-known stop on the Underground Railroad and a haven for freed and escaped slaves.

For the history fan, there's plenty to see. But not everybody's a history fan.

For the shoppers, there are two outlet malls. Lawrence is ranked in the top 15 towns in America in the book "The 100 Best Small Arts Towns in America."

For would-be athletes, an 18-hole "championship golf course" is ranked among America's top 75 by *Golf Digest*. Three nearby lakes offer outdoor recreational activities including camp-grounds, fishing, boating, and nature trails. For the energetic: hiking trails along the river. (Perhaps a moonlight walk?)

Atlanta Magazine's August 1999 issue featured **Gallery of Southern Artistry** in its "Street Smart" section (p196) when it highlighted the quaint suburb of Stone Mountain Village. Owner Virginia Bower Mason, a great-granddaughter of Henry H. Kimmel, was pleased to be selected from more than 60 specialty shops, and she was pleased with the attention given to the work of her late husband, Jack L. Mason.



VILLAGE BROWSING

Main Street's pre-1900 brick and granite building: house places to shop or just browse.

The **Gallery of Southern Artistry** showcases the work of more than 50 talented craftspeople from Georgia and the Southeast, including works by the late Jack Mason whose clay art is on display in the Smithsonian. His wife Virginia, has owned and operated the gallery for 13 years. It's open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (except on Fridays when it's open until 8 p.m.) and Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Lawrence is also the home of two universities—the University of Kansas (where basketball was almost invented), and Haskell Indian Nations University, established in 1884, "the premier university for American and Alaska Native students in the United States."

Free self-guided tour information available at the Lawrence Visitor Information Center include flyers on Quantrill's Raid/The Lawrence Massacre, House Styles of Old West Lawrence, Historic Trails of Douglas County, and Haskell Indian Nations University campus.

For a complete visitor's guide to Lawrence, KS., call 1-888-LAWKANS, or visit the webpage at <www.visitlawrence.com>

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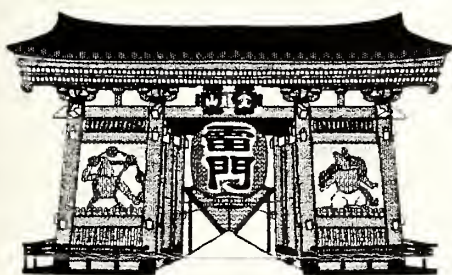
further
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in
Japan...

GOLF WAS NICE

by Jack Randal Mason
Greetings from Japan...the
master golfer...NOT!

Thursday I golfed my first 18 holes—first in Japan and first 18 holes. I think I have only played nine holes at two times in Decatur, IL, 10 years ago.

The course in Japan was a little different from the flat ground in Decatur, IL. The golf course, called Nice Ohara, is



on the mountain side.

Golf is an event, not just a game. It is also expensive. It cost 10,000 Yen (\$100) to play at the course. It would have been 20,000+ Yen (\$200+) on the week end. 10,000 Yen for the party fee (party, prizes and transportation). I spent 20,000 Yen (\$200) getting ready to golf—shoes, tees, balls (30), towel, socks and glove. I borrowed a set of clubs from a friend at work. I might not play good, but I would **look** good.

Japanese are very serious about their golf (or any sport) and will have the best equipment. Only an American would go golfing with the rest of the department and be as poor at it as I am. In everything Japanese do, they do it well. They have much practice. But I am an American, was asked, and wanted to try.

17 from our Component Design Department went golfing. Two were Americans — myself and my boss. I left the house at 6 a.m., picked up my boss at the train station at 6:45 a.m., met the others in the work parking lot at 7:00 a.m. We rode

with Ono-san, who works in my Division. One and a half hours and 20,000 Yen (\$200) in tolls later, we ended up at Nice Ohara.

We drove up to what looked like an expensive hotel entrance. We were all dressed in slacks (Dockers), golf shirts and sports jackets. Ladies in yellow uniforms greeted us and took our clubs. We went inside, signed in, and were assigned a number. Next, we went to change shoes and put up our sports jackets and change of clothes.

We went and practiced for about 10 minutes on the driving range before starting. I didn't have too much to warm up. I asked my friends if the grip I had was okay — whether what I had been taught by my father-in-law 10 years ago was remembered correctly.

Sometimes I hit the ball, and others I missed. When I hit, the balls went all over. I just prayed, "Lord, help me to have a good time and not make a complete fool of myself." The nice thing about being an American in Japan is that they will say, "Good shot," etc., even when you know it was pretty bad.

Next there was a team picture of the 17 of us. Then the two Department Managers teed off. They hit basically colored smoke bombs.

We were the third flight to tee off. Three of us golfed together. One was Yamagishi-san, my co-manager and now golf sensei (teacher). He was very patient (a Japanese virtue) with me and showed me repeatedly how to improve my swing. Sometimes I would miss; most of the time (thank the Lord) when I hit the ball it did go straight.

The course is very narrow, as you can imagine, being carved out of a mountain. Hazards and out of bounds were woods, edge of mountain, ponds, sand traps, etc.



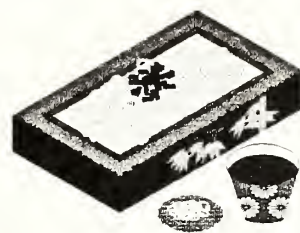
Each group of three or four had a caddy. All ladies. Ours was maybe 50. They wore yellow pantsuits and, in typical Japanese fashion, long sleeves, gloves,

hat/sun gear. Most Japanese, especially older women, see light skin as a virtue. That is why they use parasols in the summer.

Our caddy was great—always suggesting a club and having it ready. I hardly knew the difference between a driver, sand wedge or 5 iron, so that worked well.

You walk the course. The clubs are in a remote controlled golf cart that the caddy controls. There were moving belts to walk on, almost like conveyor belts, between some holes, as you are on the side of a mountain. Great scenery!

We started at 9:30 a.m. and finished the ninth hole at

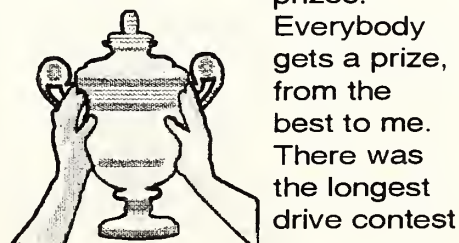


12:10 p.m., went in to the restaurant and had lunch, then on to the last nine holes. We were finished about 4:30 p.m.

I lost only nine balls, so I thought that was good. My partners' scores were about 110 for 18 holes—par was about 80. My score was about 198—pretty good for bowling. With handicap applied, I was 133—still last, but I had fun and got to know my co-manager better.

Next we put the clubs up, went into the club house, got our change of clothes and went to the Onsen (bath). Japanese way is to wash up in shower, then take a bath. The shower is hand held, and you sit on little stools. After cleaning up, you go sit in the Onsen with the others. It is hot water...many times natural spring water or geothermally heated. That felt good. Then a cool shower and get dressed.

After dressing, pay your bill and then to the party room. We had food and drink (Coke for me) and have awarding of prizes.



Everybody gets a prize, from the best to me. There was the longest drive contest

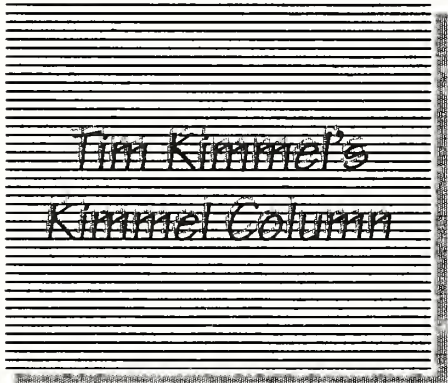
as well as closest drive to hole.

I am awarded the bb... or last place. Tanaka-san thanks me—because if I hadn't been there, he would have gotten the award— 12 gold balls.

After the awards are speeches from the first, second and third. Followed by my boss and myself, and followed by the Japanese Department Manager. After a clap, we leave about 6:30 p.m. Home at 9 p.m.

I did better than I thought, and it was fun. As Yamagishi-san taught me: first have fun, relax, focus on the ball, and swing.

And that's my latest adventure in Japan. --Jack Mason is a great-great-grandson of Henry H. Kimmel of McLouth. He and his family currently live in Kobe, Japan.



**KIMMEL SOLDIERS IN THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION
#12
- Jacob Kimmel
of Ephrata PA.**

Jacob Kimmel was born in 1757 in the vicinity of Ephrata in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, PA, to **Johann Jacob & Susanna Kimmel**.

Johann Jacob Kimmel came to America with his siblings and parents **Johann Jacob** and **Maria Barbara (Heinrich) Kimmel** from Gimbsheim in the Palatinate in 1751.

Jacob served as a private in the 6th class of the 6th company

of the third Lancaster battalion under Col. George Feather. The battalion was raised in Cocalico Township and was headed in 1780 by Capt. Philip Beck, then in 1781 by Capt. Michael Oberlie.

After the war **Jacob** continued service, in the 7th company of the 2nd Lancaster Co. battalion, then in the 2nd company of the first battalion of the 7th regiment of the Lancaster Co. Militia. His service lasted from 1780 to 1797. Documentation appears in the fifth and sixth series of the Pennsylvania Archives.

Jacob married **Esther Fahnestock** in 1787 in Lancaster and was still living there in 1790. They had two daughters. Their daughter **Mary ("Polly")** married **John Weidman**, and daughter **Susanna** married **Christian Brubaker**.

Sometime after Esther's death in 1796, **Jacob** married **Elizabeth Graver**, by whom he had three daughters and his only son, **Jacob**. Elizabeth and Jacob's daughter **Esther** became wife to **John Eiser**; their daughter **Sally** ("Sarah," "Salome") to **George Wechter**; and daughter **Elizabeth** to **John Shirk**. Son **Jacob** was thrice married, but produced no heirs, thus ending the Kimmel surname line.

Jacob and **Esther** lived in Ephrata, where Jacob was a storekeeper and tavern owner. At the time of his death in 1814, he was a trustee of the Ephrata Cloister, where his father was still living. Jacob is noted for having owned the **Kimmell House**, which now serves as a bed and breakfast. He is also the first known American Kimmel to be a slave owner, as shown in the 1787 and 1789 tax records.

**KIMMEL
FAMILY
HISTORY
PART 7:**

**Michael
Kimmel in
Alsheim
and
Gimbsheim.**

Copies of the church records for Alsheim are saved in the LDS collection on Film #1442049 and

hold the Reformed records for 1665-1693 and Lutheran records for 1720-1745. A few entries regarding the **Kimmel** family appear in both sets of records, with the name being spelled **Kümel**, with an umlaut over the *U* and a bar over the *M*.

Johann Michael's father, **Hans Conrad Kimmel**, is mentioned once in the old Reformed records, in the notice of the death of his three-year-old daughter, **Anna Catherina** in 1686. A few other Kimmels of unknown relation are mentioned.

Johann Michael and brother **Johann Georg Kimmel** appear in the Lutheran records. They give evidence of **Georg's** move to Eich, noting a couple of wives' names and the 1742 birth of his son **Rudolph** in Eich (Eych).

Two Gimbsheim events appear in this Alsheim recordbook: **Michael's** April 24, 1732, marriage to **Anna Elisabetha**, widow of Hartman Heinrich, and **Michael's** death on August 23, 1734.

Gimbsheim church records appear on Microfilm #1441990 in the LDS collection. The family is recorded in the Reformed records, which start in 1699, so the births of the older two sons, **Philip** and **Heinrich**, are not in them. But here are the names, birth dates, and sponsors of the other children of **Johann Michael** and **Anna Margaretha**:

Johann Valentin Kimmel, July 31, 1701, sp **Johann Valentin Muth** (given 2nd as July 1, 1701).

Johann Conrad Kimmel, April 22, 1703, sp **Johann Conrad Martin**.

Johan Jacob Kimmel, Oct. 17, 1705, sp. **Johann Jacob Belzer**.

Maria Phronica Kimmel, July 8, 1708, sp. **Maria Phronica [Speiss]**.

Confirmations of the children:
Johann Jacob Kimmel confirmed in 1720 at age 15 years, 6 months.

Marriages of the children:
(April 7, 1706, **Michael's** stepson **Johannes Oswald**, married **Anna Elisabetha**.)

June 10, 1721, **Johann Philip Kimmel** married Anna Elisabetha, daughter of Andreas Voltz (Voltzen) of Eych.

Feb. 8, 1724, **Johann Valentin Kimmel** married Anna Maria, daughter of Johann Valentin Beltzer of Gimbsheim.

February 6, 1725, **Conrad Kimmel** married Maria Christina, daughter of Sebastian Muth (Muthen) of Gimbsheim.

March 1, 1729, **Johann Jacob Kimmel** married Maria Barbara, daughter of Hartmann Heinrich of Gimbsheim.

Deaths of children and spouses:

Heinrich, son of Michael, died April 12, 1705 (no age given).

Anna Margretha, wife of Michael, died July 31, 1726, aged 65 years and 2 months.

Anna Elisabetha, wife of Michael, died June 5, 1733, age 54 years.

The church records include births and deaths of the children of **Valentin, Conrad** and **Jacob**, the 1708 marriage of Michael's stepson **Johannes Oswald**, and baptisms Michael was sponsor for. Next time I'll review the children of Jacob and Valentin.

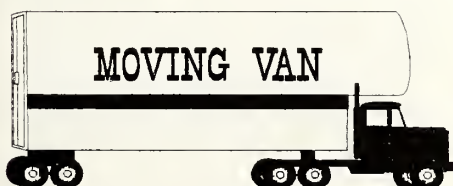
More can be learned about **Johann Michael Kimmel** from the town records, particularly his own writings. I haven't seen these records, but a Dr. Bill Thompson brought copies of the records to America to research years ago. Some of us are still looking for Dr. Thompson and his documentation.

Announcing an Internet Address Change

The Kimmel Family Record web site has moved to:

<http://www2.fwi.com/~tkimmel> and my e-mail is now: tkimmel@fwi.com

—Tim Kimmel



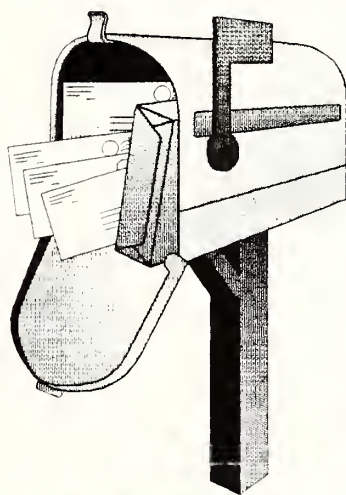
mail list changes:

Alexander, Esther Kimmel, 23450 Madison Sorrento Villa #222, Torrance CA 90505.

Bower, Bob & Eileen, 88 Shades RV Park, POB 1888, Quartzite AZ 85346. <RB_Sculp@aol.com>
Christie, Janet R., 17015 NE 135th Court, Redmond, WA 98052.
Kimmel, Barry, POB 3060, Sunriver OR 97707-0060.
Kimmel, Mr. & Mrs. Ben, 2901 Pine, Abilene TX 79601.
Kimmel, Eddie, 3411 Whitefish Stage Rd., Kalispell MT 59901-6728.
Kimmel, Jim & Ellen, 1106 Jervis Ave., Rome NY 13440-2341.
Kimmel, Rev. Homer & Phyllis, 700 Black Lake Blvd SW #137, Olympia, WA 98502-8631.
Thorpe, Bob & Diane (Urban), HCR 1 Box 58, Spearman TX 79081.

Tompkins, Shaun, #771 Schurz Hall, University of MO-Columbia, Columbia MO 65201.

Vaughn, Evelyn Collins & Charles, 3400 South Bowie Street, Amarillo TX 79109.



Family mailbox

-RIEGEL DESCENDANTS ON-LINE ?

The Riegel Genealogy Page on line is <<http://members.aol.com/stefriegel/riegel.html>>.

Josiah R. Kimmel descendants:

Carolyn McPherson Waterman wrote this summer from Washington, KS: "...I really enjoy reading the newsletter, especially news from our branch. There are many names I don't recognize, but it is good to hear about those people I do know or remember..."

"We are all OK. Dad (**Leland McPherson**) drove up to see us a few weeks ago—will be 89 years old in November, and it is a three-hour drive!—to spend the week end. He enjoys coming up, and we enjoy having him. He takes care of himself pretty well and still lives alone. He has emphysema, so he has to limit his activities now, but so far is managing quite well. He mows his own yard and does what needs to be done around the house. At 89, one can't expect

to do much more than that!



"**Larry & Frances** have a new grandson born this

summer. He was born June 5 and weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. His name is **Garrett Ethan McPherson**. His parents are **Franklin & Katie McPherson**. They live in Ft. Worth, TX., so we probably won't get to see him until Christmas!

I went to McLouth in May to celebrate my high school graduation in 1959—the 40 year class. We had a great time and enjoyed a wonderful visit, not only with classmates, but renewed old friendships as well.

"Thought it was interesting that **Bob Kimmel** and I celebrated 40 years, while **John Bower** and [my dad] **Leland McPherson** both celebrated 70 years!"

Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants:

Joan Williams Urban & R. Steven Urban sent along a change of address for **Bob & Diane Thorpe**. Thorpes are now in Spearman, TX.

Henry Harrison Kimmel descendants:

Word has been received of the death of **Naomi Rice Bowman Kimmel**, widow

of **Garland Kimmel**. A recent note from Wanda R. Rice says Mrs. Kimmel passed away in January, 1998.



John Bower of McLouth, KS, wrote July 5: "We are doing OK here, though **Mary** and I each use a cane some of the time. I am still in the process of getting my new prosthesis fit properly, and she has a bad ankle.

"I may yet go for a new knee, but they don't do much yet with new ankles. If I do have knee surgery, it won't be this summer. I don't want to be laid up in the outdoor season.

"Gordon has had surgery and seems to be recovering well. I could call it 'minor' surgery, but 'minor' is surgery on someone



else. Mary and I took Gordon and Betty out to dinner on his birthday, which was

July 1. They seem to enjoy their new apartment...

"This week is Old Settlers Reunion at Oskaloosa. Then comes the threshing bee. After that, summer is soon over. It has been wet here for two months. Today the wind is in the south, and it is up in the nineties. Makes one wonder if summer isn't finally here. Our crops look good.

"I have been reading the local newspapers for September 1900, for items for a historical calendar for 2000.... The most interesting to me was this from the McLouth Times: 'Miss Mabel Kimmel left Monday [September 3, 1900] for McPherson, where she will enter school.' Since Mother was born in November 1883, she would have been only 16 years old. This would have been her second semester. I remember hearing her say she arrived in McPherson on the first day of the century [January 1, 1900] to start at McPherson College. She would have been in the Academy, of course. McLouth had no high school then. Aunt Anna Sanders was in one of the first graduating classes at McLouth High School..."



Bob Bower wrote us August 4 from Poncha Springs, CO, which he describes as "near Maysville") 8620 ft. above sea level: "Well, this summer is different from last year's. Colorado weather changes from wet to wetter.

"It has rained every day since July 1st. The only change is what time of day it occurs. Sometimes it's 10:00 a.m. and sometimes 2:00 p.m. Once in a while it just looks bad until 6:00 p.m., then rains.

"We have visited every town within 100 miles or so: "Aspen (too expensive \$1000-plus ski

suits); Glenwood Springs (still not turned over to just tourists, excellent hot springs pool); Marble (deserted by today's standard, site of Marble Mine, source of Lincoln Memorial & Tomb of Unknown Soldier blocks);

"Redstone (nice shops for a very small town); Carbondale (has the largest grocery store I've been in anywhere in North America), we bought only a bottle of H₂O; Minturn (waste of time); Vail (we went by on I-70 as fast as we could, raining); Frisco (Walmart);

Breckenridge (the best small town with the best shops and dining in Colorado—and pretty flowers too).

"We also stopped in Leadville (visited the mining museum), Buena Vista, and a side trip to St. Elmo to

feed the chipmunks (there are dozens of them, along with birds, which will eat from your hand and crawl on you—just wild ones to entertain kids from I-100 (across from the General Store). Do not go over Tincup Pass!

We have hunted rocks (Ilearits) etc. on Taylor Mt., 13,000 ft. plus, just a few miles west of here when the weather permitted. We found large chunks of iron pyrite (fools gold) and quartz crystals, in the old mine tailings which cover the east side (Lily Mine)...

"The Climax Molybdenum mine is now closed after totally destroying an entire mountain. They are hauling off some of the old tailings for road fill, etc. They should never have let that much pollution be created. The EPA just looked the other way. Now they will take hundreds of years and never restore the two towns buried within the thousands of acres of debris.



The EPA is also ruining the Colorado mining history. They are bull dozing the mine tailings at Leadville and at Bonanza under the guise of reclamation. Tourists want to see the old mines! Any pollution the tailings caused was 100 years ago. Climax was just this century and mostly since 1960.

"One day we drove the motor home up a jeep road to find agates, and then went on to Creede. I had taken the family up the highway back in 1971. Boy! Did we miss out on the fantastic mines that are above town! Stop at the C of C at north end of

Main St. and get \$1 booklet for car tour. Go north 1/4 mile and proceed left up a very steep road to the Commodore Mine. This is a large series of well-preserved mine buildings at the road and up between sheer cliffs. Take pictures and proceed on.

"Amethyst Mine is next. They are connected inside the mountain. I walked up to there (several miles). It was too steep for a motor home. Cars, jeeps, trucks, OK. The road goes in a 17-mile loop. (It was snowed in yet in July.) Miners were tough and determined.

"Our latest trip was to Crested Butte. I had attended a KU grad course in ceramics there in 1966. Marilyn might remember the peanut mine that we parked our RV trailer near and the Bruce Goff teepee house that is there. The rest of the town and area all new with houses everywhere. They have retained many of the old buildings in town.

"They were having their arts festival that week end. They blocked off 4-5 blocks of the old main street and set up booths along both sides. It was the best arts & crafts festival I've seen.

"The highlight (for me) was a musical group called the Andies. (They were from Bolivia Peru and other S. American countries. They played native flutes, strings, and percussion in New Age styles. Anything from Bach to Greensleeves. Buy a CD like I did. Great sounds.

"While sitting on benches outside of stores in Gunnison I managed to lose our budgeted dinner money out of my pocket. We had to drive on home to eat...

"Eileen left August 2 for Las Vegas. She takes her mother to Lake Tahoe to visit Eileen's brother Ken. It lets her mother visit in cooler temps. She will return to Colorado by Aug. 25, just in time to get packed so we can head for Arizona again.

"We are planning to go out through Monument Valley and the Grand Canyon to get to Quartzite. We had visited there twice last winter. Quartzite is 20 miles east of Blythe, CA. It is out in the wide open desert. It has a few permanent residents. In the winter it has every flea mkt. Arts & crafts, rock & gem show, RV shows, etc., you can imagine. It has 100,000 people, all in Rvs.

"Our rent in Colorado was \$352 a month. The rent in Arizona will be \$950. Seems high, doesn't it? That's for a year (\$79 a month).



We will leave the 28' RV trailer there and travel around in the motor home or our car.

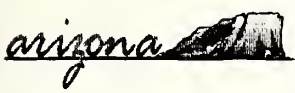
"We are considering (dreaming?) going to Alaska next year. We've already made things to do lists and contacted AAA for road maps and camping places.

"I'm anxious to get to AZ to get back to work on my sculpture. I've just about finished my second one here in Colorado. The wind may blow in Arizona (and it will), but at least it's dry. It never has snowed at Quartzite.

"As I close, there is this to share. Today has been cloudy, 49 degrees at 1:00 p.m., and raining. How hot were you on August 4, 1999?"

An August 31 e-mail from **Bob Bower**: "Hello. We will be pulling out next Tuesday. We will spend 4 days near Dolores, CO., then go to the Grand Canyon. We will be staying there at a campground called Trailer Village inside the park for one week, then head for Quartzite, AZ... arrival

there about 20 Sept. Do not know about a phone yet or about on-line for e-mail. I will close down here this week end, probably next Monday a.m. See ya."



Mike & Deanna Tompkins of Columbia, MO, biked this week end on the MKT Trail between Marthasville and Hermann, MO,

and back—a 44 mile roundtrip. For Mike it was a milestone—he's now biked every leg of the MKT from end to end—from Sedalia to St. Charles. Now they're planning a bike trip to cover the one bit DeeDee missed out on, between Boonville and Sedalia.

Mary Anne Kimmel Whitmer,
Rose Ivy Kimmel Whitmer
descendants:

Lee Whitmer of Modesto, CA, <lwhitmer@prodigy.net> kindly shared a Whitmer/Kimmel genealogy his family has and is trying to update. Two of the

sons of **Daniel Brubaker Whitmer** and **Elizabeth Weland** married two of the daughters of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel, and this Whitmer/Kimmel genealogy shows how those Whitmers fit into the family tree.

Lee writes, "I finally got around to sending you the documents on the Kimmels and Whitmers in America. I know the history on the

document, **The Whitmer Family in America**; however, as I wrote before, I don't on the Kimmel family. Please take a look at it as you get a chance and see if you can figure out who might have written it and how accurate it is.

"My father might have done some of the research, but I don't think he would have known all of it, or assembled it. I know that the Whitmer document was done by my great-aunt **Edith Smith** (daughter of **Andrew Whitmer** and **Mary Ann Kimmel**). I have a copy that has notations by her brothers, **Ralph Whitmer** and **Earl Whitmer** (my grandfather).

"Someplace, somewhere I read that **Ralph** and maybe **Anna Kimmel Sanders** put together the first family get-together back in the 60s? Actually, my aunt **Charlotte Davidson** remembers typing something like this, but had nothing to do with putting it together or knowing where the info came from. So any info you have would be appreciated." Do any of our readers remember the first Kimmel Reunion?

S. Elizabeth Kimmel Bowman **descendants:**



An August 1 e-mail from **Janet Christie** of Redmond, WA., who is a Kimmel descendant through several

lines and is at least a shirt-tail relative of the **Kimmel/Bowmans** of McLouth. "I feel close to the **Bowmans** in **Walter Kimmel Bowman**'s line because I knew him so well and was intrigued with the fact that he was also a Kimmel, connected to our line of Kimmels...

"It seems that Kimmels married **Bowmans** as they also married **Meyers** and **Beachleys** and **Millers**. I have found my grandparents, **Hiram H. Kimmel** and **Ida Alice Meyers** to share kinship with one another in three or four lines...

"I would be interested in the children of **Abraham Bowman** and **Barbara Hoerner**. It helps me to know where they lived and who they married.... Do you suppose some of your line migrated west to Somerset?"

The Kimmel connection: **Other Kimmel cousins**



few Kimmels in the northern part of Kansas, but no one I recognized...

"I had remembered some clippings my grandmother [in Enterprise, KS] had saved that I inherited amongst

several boxes of papers. One was a wedding announcement of **Mrs. Eddie Pierce**, nee **Vickie Kimmel**. The other was an announcement for **Mrs. Halsey Kimmel**, who was also an attendant for **Vickie Ann Kimmel Pierce**.

"Now, I figure these must all be related—right? Perhaps you could clue me in on these Kimmels. Are they on Tim's list? How did **Beverly Sanders Muzzy** become a Kimmel? I'm really excited to learn of all the Kimmels right here in the vicinity.

"I plan to attend the reunion AND I will GIVE A BIG HOOT ABOUT TALKING TO ALL THE GENEALOGY NUTS. The only problem is that I'm really a beginner, and I have no idea to what extent the "nuts" try to find. I'll just load up all the old family pictures from the 1800s, Civil War Discharge, and original papers that were left to me..."

Don also sent us a brief chart of his Kimmel lineage:

Johann Phillip Kimmel 1695-1777-> **Johann Philip Kimmel** 1724-1796-> **Johann Jacob Kimmel** 1757-1824-> **John Kimmel** 1784-1857-> **Samuel R. Kimmel** 1811-1854-> **John Henry Kimmel** 1842-1914-> **John Samuel (Sam) Kimmel** 1883-1950-> **Arlene Kimmel Dolton** (1913-1996)-> **Donald "Don" Dolton** (1933 -). [Our David Kimmel/Leah Riegel line branched off from Don's back in PA. His Johann Jacob Kimmel 1757 was a brother of David Kimmel 1763, grandfather of David Kimmel 1826.—Jan]

We have a letter dated July 5 from **Hobart & Frances Kimmel** of Dayton, OH (who came to the '97



Kimmel Reunion at McLouth):

"...On May the 6th we left home to go to granddaughter's graduation from Toccoa Falls College in Georgia. Graduation was on the 8th. She graduated with honors, which she worked hard to get. Then one teacher left some grades out, and she told her I don't accept it, as I worked too hard to get where I am. So she went to the Dean and he went to bat for her. (She's little but mighty.)

"She was married 1 yr. on May 16th. Big year for her. On the 7th of July they will move to Wise, VA, to work in a missionary camp for children. They are really looking forward to it. Hope all goes well for them. They had to scout for their support SSS and

only about half of what they had hoped for, but are going anyway.

"Then we came back to Virginia and stayed for our Church Conference. We were gone 3 weeks.

"Thought we'd come home to a garden full of weeds, but surprisingly, there were very few. We set tomato plants out the day before we left and planted some beans, too. Never set tomatoes out quite that early before. We got 4 ripe tomatoes on the 3rd of July. Guess it paid off. Corn coming along too.



"In February we were blessed with another great-grandson, **Maxwell Ray**

Wright. His brother **Andrew Wayne Wright** was 7 yrs old in March. They are both very precious.

"We keep busy helping to make comforts for the needy. **Hobart & I** go twice a month on Thursdays and help cut blocks or put batting in them, and the opposite Thursdays I go and sew them. We also have clothing, too. They need sorting as to size. Not enough help for either project.

"In between all the other work, I've been helping a neighbor as she broke her left hand and naturally she is left-handed, but she is doing well.

"Enclosed find check to renew my subscription to the K News. Hope you and your family are well."



An August 22 e-mail note: "My name is **Rosemary Kimmel Hill Wittstadt**, and I

am a direct descendant of **Philip Kimmel**, who was born in 1695 in Pfalz Valley, Germany. He came to America with his son, **Anthony**, in 1755, landing in Alexandria, VA. They traveled to Frederick, MD, with forces of Col. George Washington, and from there they traveled to and settled near

Bermudian Creek, York County, PA.

"**Philip**, who was reputed to be wealthy, lost his wife (last name Voltz) and his two daughters as the result of an epidemic in Germany. Philip was the son of **Michael Kimmel**, who was born October 1, 1662, in Germany. Michael's wife's family name was Souter.

"**Anthony Kimmel** was born March 17, 1746 in Darmstadt, Germany, and he died in Baltimore May 17, 1817. His wife was **Margaret A. Meyers**, of York County, PA. They were married in 1766.

Their son, **Anthony Kimmel**, was born in Baltimore on March 17, 1796. He was educated at St. Mary College and, not long after graduating from college, entered the banking business in Baltimore.

Subsequently, he became associated with a hardware business in Baltimore on Howard Street. Still later, he became the 'Gentleman of Linganore' of Frederick County, MD, following his marriage to **Sidney Ann James** of Frederick County, MD.

He volunteered in the army during the War of 1812, and he fought in the Battle of North Point. In 1822, he was commissioned to the rank of Major General.



He became grand Master of the Masons in Maryland, having founded the Lafayette Lodge in Baltimore. He was a member of the State Reception Committee when General Lafayette paid a visit after the Revolutionary War to the United States. He was a Minister to France from 1835 to 1857, and a State Senator in Maryland from 1857 to 1861. He died in 1871.

His son, Col. **Anthony Zaar Kimmel**, my great-grandfather, was born in 1836 and died in 1897. Anthony Zaar Kimmel was married to **Mary Morgan**. My grandmother, **Eileen Morgan Kimmel**, was born Sept 12, 1876, and died on April 1, 1915. She married my grandfather,

Joseph Kent Hill, on Nov. 20, 1900. Their son, **Frederick J. Hill**, was born January 19, 1905, and died on January 24, 1958. He married my mother, **Rosemary Carabine**.

I am married to Judge **Gerard Wm. Wittstadt, Sr.**, and we have five children, **Gerard Wm. Wittstadt Jr.**, **Mark H. Wittstadt**, **Rosemary Wittstadt Padgett**, **Ann Wittstadt Watson**, and **John Kimmel Wittstadt**. We also have five grandchildren, **Ashley Ann Watson** (12), **Christian Watson** (1), **Christopher Padgett** (5), **Nicholas Padgett** (4) and **Abigail Padgett** (1)."

From **Dick Kimmel** of New Ulm, MN, an August 20 e-mail: "I don't want to self promote, but since there was some discussions of Kimmel music connections, if anyone is interested, here is info on more Kimmel music: <<http://www.banjo.com/Profiles/dkc.html>>.



An Aug. 30 note from **Wilma Pritchard** of Abilene TX, extending her subscription and adding

one for Mr. & Mrs. **Ben Kimmel** of Abilene TX: "Ben's father and my mother are children of **Benjamin David & Jessie Pearl Reeder Kimmel**, descended from **Johann Michael Kimmel**, born 1662. I look forward to and thoroughly enjoy the *Kimmel Family News*. I am so appreciative of everyone that so willingly shares our family history."



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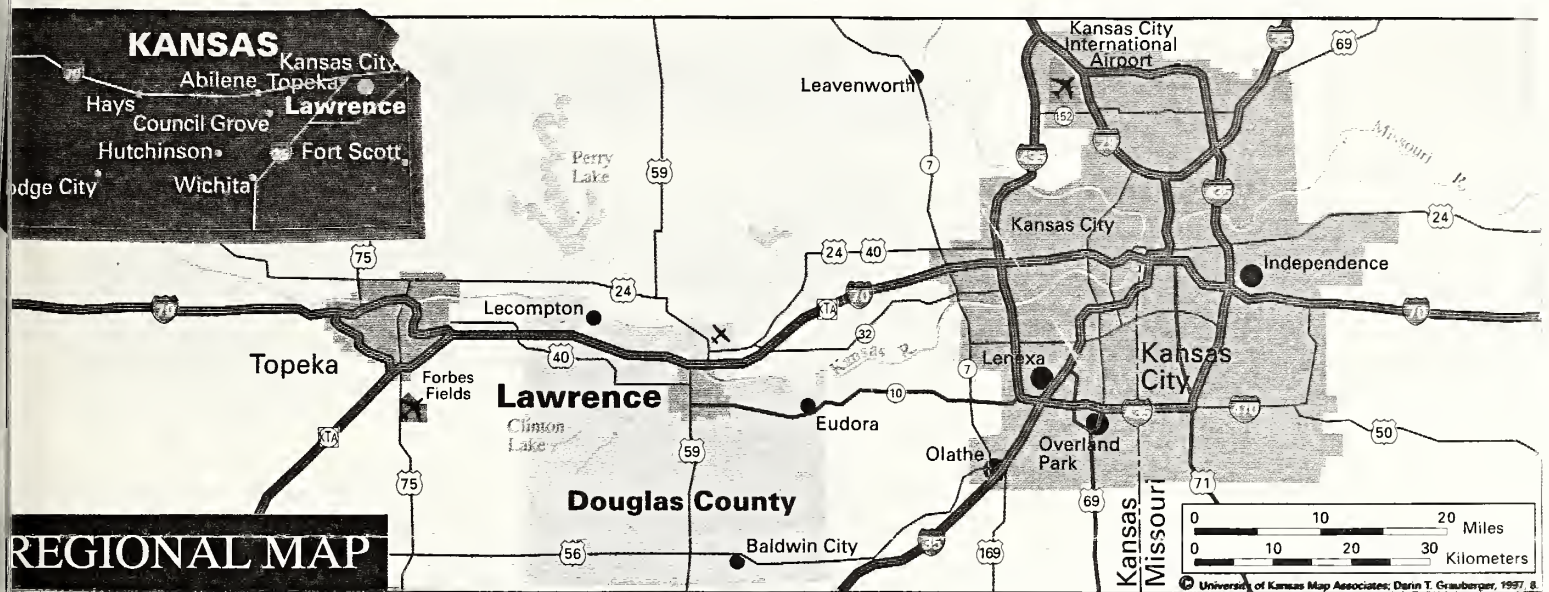
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KIMMEL REUNION July 8 & 9, 2000 in Lawrence, KS; PRELIMINARY HEADCOUNT NEEDED

by Beverly Sanders Muzzy

Kimmel Reunion 2000 is to be held July 8 and 9 at Lawrence, KS.'s Ramada Inn, 2222 West Six Street. The Ramada is located south of the West Lawrence exit from I-70 (Kansas Turnpike).

Now is a good time to make motel or hotel reservations, and now is an even better time to let the Reunion Committee know your plans, even if they're only tentative.

We're in the planning stage for July's Kimmel Reunion. I hope to be hearing from lots of you with your plans to attend!

We want to make certain we have plenty of room for us to eat our two family meals together. We need to be sure we have space for everyone to share and enjoy the programs, displays, albums, etc.

At this point, I have no idea how many people to plan for. With the technology of the Internet, e-mail and the Kimmel Website, we seem to be reaching much further than we'd ever imagined. We are striving to make this a successful event that everyone will enjoy.

The more the committee knows in advance, the better prepared we will be. You can reach me at:

**Contact Beverly Muzzy:
Phone 913-796-6935**

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rzbmuzzy@grapevine.net**

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21370 259th St.,
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COMFORT INN & SUITES 740 N. Iowa Street, 66044, (785) 838-4242, (800) 221-2222	68	54	20	5	30		.			NO	YES
TRAVELODGE 801 Iowa, 66049, (785) 842-5100, (800) 578-7878	62	32	1	2	25		.			YES	YES
BEST WESTERN HALLMARK INN 730 Iowa, 66044, (785) 841-6500, (800) 528-1234	60	35		1			.			YES	YES
WESTMINSTER INN, L.C. 2525 W. 6th Street, 66049, (785) 841-8410, (888) 937-8646	60	38		2	15		.			YES	YES
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JAYHAWK MOTEL 1004 N. 3rd Street, 66044, (785) 843-4131	19									NO	NO
COLLEGE MOTEL 1703 W. 6th Street, 66044, (785) 843-0131	18										NO
HALCYON HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST 1000 Ohio, 66044, (785) 841-0314	9	9	4							NO	YES
CIRCLE S GUEST RANCH & COUNTRY INN 3325 Circle S Lane, 66044, (785) 843-4124, (800) 625-2839	12	12	12	2	50	50				NO	YES
VICTORIAN VERANDA COUNTRY INN 1431 N. 1900 Road, 66044, (785) 841-1265	10	10		1	.	.				NO	YES
ANDERSON INN: COZY COTTAGE 715 W. 8th Street, 66044, (785) 843-9083	2	2	2							NO	YES
ANDERSON INN: ROSE COTTAGE 837 Maine Street, 66044, (785) 843-9083	2	2	2							NO	YES

Annette McCoy wins Michigan scholarship

Annette McCoy, a great-great-granddaughter of Henry and Lydia Bowman Kimmel, has earned an Alumni Distinguished Scholarship from Michigan State University.

Annette is the daughter of Tom and Marianne Sampson McCoy of Mathews, NC., and a granddaughter of Willard and Betty Kimmel Sampson of Hutchinson, KS. Great-grandparents were Ray and May Tomlinson Kimmel.

She is one of 12 students chosen from a pool of 1200 applicants nationwide. Annette attended Charlotte Country Day School, where she was involved in Drama, choir and band.

TEXAS A&M BONFIRE CASUALTIES INCLUDE A KIMMEL

Among the 12 young people who died in the November bonfire disaster at Texas A&M University was 19-year-old Lucas Kimmel.

Lucas, who had hoped to become a veterinarian, was following in the footsteps of his father and brother,

who had previously attended Texas A&M. After graduating from Tuloso-Midway High School in Corpus Christi in May, young Lucas was attending the school on several scholarships, including an ROTC award and planned a biomedical science major.

Lola Hinman Kimmel noticed the name and sent us the clipping from her News Tribune for Nov. 20. We don't know what branch of Kimmels Lucas belonged to.

“ KIMMEL’S CHURCH” CELEBRATES 200TH ANNIVERSARY

Known locally as “Kimmel’s Church,” St. John’s United Church of Christ in Deep Creek Valley, Schuylkill County, PA., celebrates its 200th year as a congregation in the year 2000.

The “Kimmel’s Church” name is in honor of local pioneer John Kimmel, on whose ground the church was erected.

The community itself dates back to the opening of the King’s Highway, the first major roadway between Reading and Sunbury, PA, first surveyed in 1770. Among the pioneer families from the early settler days is the name Kimmel.

The congregation of St. Johannes’ Kirsche, a mix of Lutheran and

Reformed, met in private homes from 1800-1816, then met in a one-room log cabin that also served as school and public meeting hall. In 1851, after formally organizing as a “union church” the group erected their first church building and church cemetery. John Kimmel was a member of this group.

The 1851 building is gone, replaced by a new structure in 1894. Following its erection, the old building (from 1851) was given to Lewis Kimmel, “sexton for many years,” and later demolished. Only the bell from the old church was retained.

But the name “Kimmel’s Church” is still used, according to the Citizen-Standard, Valley View, PA, for August 27, 1999, which devoted two full pages to Kimmel’s Church and its 200-year celebration.

KIMMEL CENTENARIAN HONORED ON 100TH BIRTHDAY

John Allen Kimmel celebrated his one hundredth birthday with full honors August 14, 1999. Among his birthday surprises: birthday greetings from

President and Mrs. Clinton, Sen. Rick Santorum, Congressman Paul Kanjorski, and singer Patti Page (his favorite singer).

The United Mine Workers, of which Kimmel has been a member for 85 years, doesn't have an 85-year commemorative pin, so they gave him a 70-year pin instead. Kimmel went to work in the mines at age 15, lying that he was 16.

Kimmel's schooling ended after fourth grade, when he went to work for his father's business, Kimmel's Butchering. Working in the mines followed, but ended after a year and a half, "Got a splinter in the mines from a chute board...it caused blood poisoning," he told local newspaper reporter Caroline Glassic. "My dad made me quit."

Kimmel then shifted to his lifelong career as a carpenter, mostly for coal companies. "Citing the coal breakers he built—saving his companies near \$2,000—among his greatest accomplishments," writes Glassic, "the handyman has yet to lay down his tools." Among recent creations: a spill proof tea tray that attaches to his walker.

Kimmel is a son of the late Aaron and Adeline Seiler Kimmel of Sacramento, PA. He was married to Florence Wentz on New Year's Eve, 1918. Their son, Charles was born in 1919 and died in 1993.

His remaining family includes nephews and nieces and "dear neighbors and friends."



**KIMMEL SOLDIERS IN THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION
#13 - THOMAS KIMMEL OF
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**



Little is known of Thomas Kimmel. He appears in military records as a private in Captain Philip Graybill's Company, a

German Regiment organized out of Baltimore, Maryland, and active from July 11, 1776, through April 1, 1782.

The few available city directories for Baltimore at the time do not include Thomas Kimmel. Neither do the 1790, 1798 and 1800 federal censuses or Baltimore tax lists for 1798-1808. There appears to be a **Thomas Kimmell (Kimmle)** in Baltimore in the 1810 census, making it the only known record suggesting Thomas survived the war and had a family.

**A NEW KIMMEL LANDMARK
COMING TO NYC**

In the spring of 2000, New York University will begin excavation for the **Kimmel Center of University Life**, a new student union building in Lower Manhattan. It will be a modern 20-story structure of white stone and glass with two levels below ground. It will include meeting rooms, a large student lounge, fast-food restaurants, and a 1,022 seat performance center. The building replaces the Loeb Student Center and is being built with funds which include a \$15 million gift from **Helen and Martin Kimmel**.

**KIMMEL FAMILY HISTORY
- PART 7: CHILDREN OF
VALENTIN KIMMEL OF GIMBSHEIM**

The following details come from records of the Gimbsheim Reformed Church.

Children of **Johann Valentin Kimmel** and **Anna Maria Beltzer**:

Anna Barbara - baptized 11/11/1724 (one record gives "Maria Barbara"). Sponsor: Anna Barbara, widow of late Valentin Beltzer. Died 3/8/1725.

Maria Veronica - baptized 1/16/1726. Sponsor: her aunt Maria Veronica, daughter of Johann Michael Kimmel.

Anna Margaretha - baptized 3/12/1728. Sponsor: Anna Margaretha, wife of Sebastian Muth. Confirmed 1744, age 16 years 13 days.

Johann Michael - born 2/20/1730. Sponsor: Johann Michael Oswald. Died 5/28/1730, age 11 weeks.

Maria Barbara - born 5/7/1730, baptized 5/10/1730. Sponsor:

her aunt Maria Barbara, wife of Johann Jacob Kimmel. Confirmed 1746.

Conrad - born 10/22/1733, baptized 10/25/1733. Sponsor: Conrad Kimmel.

[**Johann Philip** - not found in church records.]

[**Catharine** - not found in church records.]

Maria Elisabetha - born 4/20/1738, baptized 4/27/1738. Sponsor: Maria Elisabetha, wife of Johann Philipp Muth.

*Children of **Johann Jacob Kimmel** from Gimbsheim in next edition.*

**FROM GIMBSHEIM'S
HISTORY BOOK**

The chapter "*Aus der Kimmel Story*" on page 237 of the ***Chronik der Gemeinde Gimbsheim; 766 bis 1966***, tells of the visit of American Army Major Bill Thompson and about what he learned about his ancestor Johann Michael Kimmel. My **translation** from the German text:

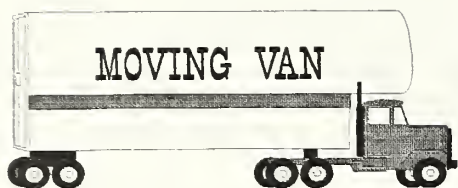
"Johann Michael Kimmel was born in Gimbsheim October 1, 1662. He was a Lutheran and was baptized in the church in Alsheim and is on record in the Lutheran church book there.

"Kimmel joined the Polish army, where great value was placed on German officers, and left it with the rank of Colonel. He took part in the freeing of Vienna from the Turks in 1683 and distinguished himself in the Turkish War.

"After his return to Gimbsheim, he married Anna Margarethe Oswald, widow of John Oswald, her maiden name Sauter, of Eich. This union produced four sons and a daughter. Three Kimmel sons emigrated to the USA after 1750. Descendants of the Kimmels there have since grown to over 400. Johann Michael Kimmel was Palatine judge of Gimbsheim in the year 1712. He was a councilman until his death in 1734."

**Announcing an Internet
Address Change**

The Kimmel Family Record web site has moved to: <http://www2.fwi.com/~tkimmel> and my e-mail is now: tkimmel@fwi.com
-Tim Kimmel



mail list changes:

Guest, Jonathan & Janet Lawson, 1876 Brevard Rd., Arden NC 28704-9488.

Hummer, Hans, 960 Trombley Road, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

McGill, Gary & Sharron Bower, 5906 West Franklin St., Wichita KS 67212.

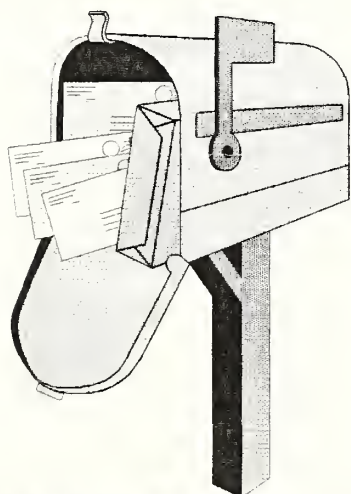
Vaughn, Evelyn & Charles, 3400 Bowie St., Amarillo TX 79109.

Pahl, Philip M. & Ruth E., 60 Baptist Road, Canterbury NH 03224.

Randall, Mr. & Mrs. Beni, 2401 SW 123rd St., Oklahoma City, OK 73170.

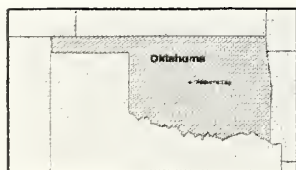
DEATHS:

Kimmel, Homer D. "Joe", 85, Olympia, WA., April 10, 1999.



Family mailbox

Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants:



From **Pauline Hummer Duke** of Big Cabin, OK, we

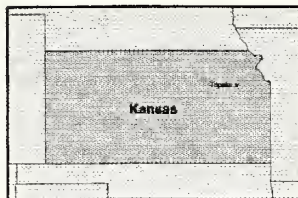
have a December 8 e-mail note: "I have changed my e-mail address.

"I was told yesterday that **Admiral Kimmel** has been exonerated and his stars have been restored. What took the government so long! This was done only after considerable pressure was applied. The government knew all along that Admiral Kimmel and general Short were the

scapegoats for Roosevelt. Will try to get some information for the Kimmel news latter."

Pauline's new e-mail address is <prhummer@netscape.net (Pauline Duke)>.

Henry Harrison Kimmel descendants:



Our spies in Kansas sent a copy of the program for the baby

dedication service for little **Nathan Lee Taylor** at the Topeka Church of the Brethren in October.

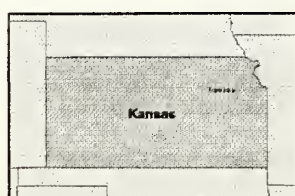
The vows of the extended family during the service: "We also promise to be examples of God's love to Nathan Lee and to offer additional places where he can turn with difficult questions. We further promise to be supportive of you, Racheal and Andy, in your task of parenting, and to you, James, in your role as brother, through our prayers and other acts of love."

Grandma **Marie Kimmel Moffet** of Ozawkie, according to our spies, has been typing the bulletins for church, "and instead of taking a salary she said 'Put the benevolences back in the budget,' so we did."



Hope & Courtney Mason

Virginia Bower Mason of Stone Mountain, GA., shared photos of her youngest grandchildren, four-year-old Courtney and one-year-old Hope Mason of Flower Mound, TX.



We have an October 30 letter from **Betty Kimmel**

Sampson of Little River, KS: "At long last I'm writing some late news from our family. Enclosed is a clipping from the Charlotte NC Observer about our granddaughter, **Annette McCoy**, who graduated from high school last spring.

"Annette's brother **Timothy** is a junior at Charlotte Country Day School. He plays football. **Marianne** is teaching in a big high school in Charlotte.

"**David**, our son, works in the Wichita general mail facility. Working at night and driving from Hutchinson keeps him on his toes. He has also been helping the church disaster team on days off, rebuilding houses. **Lee**, his oldest, works for an automobile dealer in Hutchinson, and **Philip** is a senior at Buhler High School. He enjoys playing the tuba in the band.

"As for **Willard** and me, things are going well, still finishing bits of our house and gardening. We are hoping for another get-together at our house on the lake at Christmas. Have a good holiday season."



Kathy Bower brought her family to visit in

Wichita, KS (where her dad, Fred Bower, sister Sharron, and brother Johnny all live), back on July 28. "Kathy, Shawn, Wendy, Baby Diego and Daddy Diego!" Kathy's sister, **Sharron Bower McGill**, sent pictures, including some taken while the group was touring nearby Lindsborg.

Jack Randal Mason of Kobe, Japan, sent an e-mail Sept. 24:



"Greetings from Japan! It's typhoon season again, and though Bart was a wide storm, the Lord kept us safe on this side of Japan. We are alive and well in Japan.

"The kids were out of school in anticipation, and the trains were shut down for a few hours about noon, but no damage in our area. The Japan Sea side and the southern portion had some, though. We had wind, but very little rain. Today is partly cloudy and bright day. Should be less humidity. The typhoon makes the next day cooler and less humid. It is still very warm, even though it is almost October.



Kathy Bower of Phoenix, AZ, her big sister Sharron Bower McGill, Kathy's daughter Wendy holding Little Diego, Big Diego (Kathy's new son-in-law), and Kathy's son Shawn Barnett during their July trip to Kansas.

"The kids enjoyed a three-day week end. Next week **Jessica & Tiffany** go on a three-day school trip to island further south. I am sure they will get a little wet, since that is usually what we get during typhoon season-rain. The bay area is well protected.

"We actually had a second Saturday with a little less activity-Study Sunday school lessons for AM & PM. **Diane** sewing for a neighbor. Kids doing homework. Mow the grass (takes 10 minutes). **Tiffany** babysitting for a neighbor. Housework. E-mail writing. Clean the storage closet.

"We had a baptismal service last week for three of the kids in our PM Sunday school class. The two American girls and a Japanese 12th grader who became a Christian while spending last year in the USA.

"We have a potluck Sunday morning at church. We are trying to get together with the youth and go bowling on October 9. We have to go in the PM because Japanese school goes until nearly 1 p.m. on Saturday. Well, much to do. Have a great day. -**Jack, Diane, Tiffany, Jessica & Aaron Mason.**"



We have an October 1 e-mail from **Jack R. Mason** of Kobe, Japan, shortly after all the newscasts concerning the nuclear accident in Japan. His e-mail address is <jackdi@gol.com (Jack Mason)>.

"Had many e-mails at work about the nuclear leak north of Tokyo. We are 3 hours away from Tokyo by bullet train and 9 hours by car,

so not affected. Tokyo is massive, so most is not affected. My co-manager has a meeting in Tokyo Monday and sees no problem.

"**Tiff and Jess** have a volleyball game this morning. They had a great three days at the middle school camping trip. No rain. Last night we went to a Lip Synch at Canadian Academy. It was very funny and good. There was quite a variety with contemporary music, Indian music, a math teacher doing one of the popular Japanese artists, a sophisticated song and our favorite, the Blue Constipated Monkeys. You can't really describe it-not a song, but more three guys saying funny sounding words.

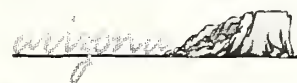
Getting ready for AM & PM Sunday school class. AM is on the end times. Y2K makes people think about them. PM is on Experiencing God. Have a great game ready for the PM Sunday school using clothes pins and Milk Bone dog treats. I don't know about AM yet.

Next week is busy at work with international meetings most of the week. Aaron's ninth birthday is Thursday. Deacon's meeting is Friday. Another volleyball game Saturday, and Youth Bowling later Saturday.

"**Diane's** busy with taking Japanese language lessons, teaching English conversation class, leading music at one of our church's outreach ministries at Flower Town, shopping, etc. I know her schedule is busier than mine.

"For a reference on activities of our church, Kobe International Baptist Church, see <<http://www.kibc.org>> It is updated quite often. For a reference on way of life in Japan, look at the Daily Yomiuri on the web.

The Daily Yomiuri is Japanese newspaper written in English. They also have a website for daily news. The site is <<http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/index-e.htm>>. For nice photos of Japan, click on Nanjo's Nihon in the upper right hand corner. Have a great week end and Lord's Day."



Bob Bower sent an e-mail October 27 describing his new RV site at Quartsite, AZ: "It still gets to the 90s here every day. I fenced in the yard with lattice wood to keep the cats from

straying. So far so good... Working on sculpture a lot more now, with warm temperatures and no wind. This is by far the best place we've had. Let me tell about my new town. 40 RV parks, 4 major truck stops, two fast food (McD & Burger K), a hardware store, lots of winter flea mkt? type places and thousands more to come...no insurance people...no lawyers....just a lot of elderly people who are enjoying themselves.... I like it."



We have a December 5 note from **Glenn Bower** of Wichita, KS:

"...It snowed last night, and we ended up with six inches on average. It rained slightly just before it turned to snow. Lots of accidents and power outages. I went out at about three in the morning and knocked the snow off the power and phone lines and branches. Three big limbs off the dead tree still fell. All our neighbors lost phones last night except for us. I told Mom she owes me a pumpkin pie for that! The sun is out and already melting around anything dark. I knew buying a black car would come in handy...



A Dec. 12 e-mail from Bob Bower of Quartsite, AZ, whimsically headlined "The wind doth blow":

"Yesterday 45 mph and gusting. We went to Mexico, about 6 miles west of Yuma. Lots of stuff to look at for a very small town. Could not find it on map, but it's there. Argonnesa or something like that..

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As to the dune-buggy-to-be, "Got the VW home on Friday. Only I had to make a trip to get a tire, as one blew out 9 miles from here. Tires are in bad shape, but I was going to buy new rims and tires in Las Vegas at Christmas time. Used the vacuum cleaner and cleaned out years of dirt. I put in a new battery. I'll try to start it in the a.m.

"I checked the web and found lots of sites for VWs; you can buy almost everything for the car. I'm looking forward to taking to the desert. Maybe after the New Year. I will not go until I know I can also get back.

"Lots of trails near here. We get invited to tag along on a hobo stew outing with about 25 others. We go to interesting places. Sometimes it's rock hunting. Once to Gen. Patton's tank training area to look for artillery shells. They found some on other trips. I found only the exploded shrapnel.

"This Wednesday we are going 30 miles south to an area with Indian pictographs. Hobo stew is made in a large pot by combining all of the cans of vegetables and stew. You each bring a can for yourself, then you eat out of it too. Makes for a different taste each time. A few extra chips and desserts to eat, and you're in style. Lots of ATVs, VWs, and SUVs to look good in. Makes an interesting day. Cheap, too."

Sharron Bower McGill found time for an e-mail November 11: "We finally got moved in just before I went to Phoenix. It's great having all of my stuff back! While I was in Phoenix, Gary had my china cabinet fixed, so I now have everything back in it.

"Wendy's wedding was beautiful, and so was she. It was an outdoor wedding at a mansion. Diego has a large family, so it was mostly Hispanic. They sure know how to have a good time. The wedding lasted from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. After cleaning up, we headed for home approximately 10:15. Kathy kept me very busy my entire visit. I'm so glad I could be there to help and celebrate with them. I met some very nice folks while I was there..."

Marilyn Griffin Bower of Wichita sent a Christmas

note: "I recently visited **Jennifer** at the Humane Shelter where she works—long hours. She is a true

dog and cat lover. She gets right in there and gets dirty. Maybe she'll become a vet someday....

"We enjoyed Thanksgiving at **Sharron's** new home. I needed a good home for some plants and she had a good home and needed plants, so we worked out a trade. We'll be at their house for our Christmas on Christmas Eve."



letter:

"We've all had a busy year. **DeeDee** is now doing all the design work and bidding for the construction company which keeps Mike and his parents busy building houses. Our schedule is booked into spring, so we can enjoy the holidays without scrounging up work.

"We've also been busy working around the house. We put in a sprinkler system this fall, and paved our driveway with a brick paver pattern. We also did a tremendous amount of yard work, planting over 100 bushes, trees and plants. Hopefully we're done with yard work for a while. Now **DeeDee** and **Cassie** (the future interior designer) are painting the previously white walls of our house different colors to liven it up a bit.

"In January we joined the rest of **DeeDee's** family (her parents, sisters, brothers, and all their husbands and kids—a total of 20 of us) and went on a Carnival cruise to the Caribbean. We visited Cozumel, the Caymans and Ocho Rios - Jamaica, and ate tons of wonderful food. It was fantastic fun for everyone. We're still fighting to lose the ten pounds each of us gained!

"**Shaun** graduated from high school in June, and we were blessed with lots of family to celebrate with us. Amelda (Mike's grandma) came from Fruita, CO. Mike's mom and dad (who live near us) also came, as did DeeDee's whole family (the same ones who went on the cruise). Our house was filled to the rim with guests for three days. Then all DeeDee's family rented a double six-bedroom six-bath condo at the Lake of the Ozarks for four days to swim, boat, fish and Sea-Doo (personal water craft.) It was a blast, and I know Shaun felt honored to have so much family yell and cheer for him at graduation.

"**Shaun** moved into a residence hall at the University of Missouri during his freshman year...

"**Shaun** bought a sporty black Ford Probe GT and sold his Plymouth Acclaim. Now he is learning about debt and making payments. His insurance went up drastically, so he has that to pay as well as his car

payments and gas. He's working week ends at a local book supply store. The pay is good, so he's getting by. When the money gets tight, he always shows up for a meal. At least that way I get to see him more.

"**Cassie** attended the Miss Missouri Coed Pageant in early August. It was a very hectic week end with a full schedule. Cassie competed in both the competition and the talent show, where she performed storytelling. She made us all very proud. She's also involved in several clubs at school—a drama club, a club to welcome new students, and T-Nado, a club for students who pledge to stay drug and alcohol free. This club has about 300 members, and of those members about a dozen ninth graders are selected through auditions and an interview process to represent the club by traveling across the state, performing skits, dances and songs at other schools. We were excited and proud when we heard **Cassie** made the group. She's also had the opportunity to perform in state competitions through her drama class. She performed storytelling and pantomime at her first competition this year and received First Place trophies in both. She has more energy, talent and drive than the rest of us combined...

"**Mike & DeeDee** are going to St. Kitts in the Caribbean for their 20th anniversary. They are going to hike to two volcanoes, take a catamaran cruise, a glass bottom boat cruise, and do lots of snorkeling. I guess we'll let you know in next year's letter how it goes. I hope this letter finds you happy and well."



From **Gordon & Betty Bower** of Lawrence, KS: "Merry Christmas...I can't thank you enough

for your efforts in creating the family newsletters. Reaching out to other Kimmel families could have lasting effects.

"I was pleasantly surprised recently to see "The Sacrifice at Pearl Harbor." It was an expose of the connivance of U.S. officials prior to December 7, 1941. The same information which I have read was delivered verbally by the people who were there. This made it quite convincing. **Admiral Kimmel's** descendants and their efforts to clear his name were mentioned during the show."



A Christmas letter from **John & Mary Bower** of McLouth, KS:

"Christmas greetings from John and Mary Bower to all our family and friends everywhere.

"This has been another good year at McLouth. The weather has been a mixed bag, with a lot of rain in April, May and June—the planting season—but on the dry side otherwise. Crops were not as good as last year, but there was little hot wind, and once again Kansas was green all summer.

"I was supposed to have a total knee replacement the last of January, but was sent to the heart doctor instead. After checking me over, he asked what made me think I had a heart problem. A stress test showed some damage in one heart chamber, probably suffered about 50 years ago when I took a jolt from a 7200 volt high line



"Mary and I celebrated our tenth anniversary February 25th. In early March a new water well restored our water supply. Then I was in the Lawrence hospital several days to clear up congestion in my lungs. I was back to church in time to sing in the Easter cantata.

"In late April **Mary** and I went to the WCTU midyear meeting at Hutchinson. In August I conducted the Sunday worship service at the McLouth Threshing Bee for the 40-some time. Our car was 'rear-ended' on a McLouth street, putting it in the body shop and causing **Mary** to see a chiropractor many times since.

"In early October **Mary** and I attended the annual meeting of the Kansas WCTU at Clay Center. In November I sold the south 'eighty' and paid off my mortgage. On Thanksgiving day we had dinner with **Mary's** daughter, **Judy**, at Oskaloosa. We enjoy attending some of the school functions and doing family things with **Judy**, and **Sam** and **Amanda**, her kids. I enjoy the kids and grandkids I got when I married **Mary**.

"**Mary** still does some volunteer work at the library and the nursing home in Oskaloosa. She is Memorial Secretary of the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), I am chairman of deacons at the

Baptist church, Sunday school teacher, and a director of the county historical society and the McLouth Kiwanis Club.

"Mary and I move a little slower, but we are grateful that we can still go places and do things. We are thankful for the love we had found together, for family and friends who care, for a good community, and for our church, where we share the warmth of Christian love, and most of all we are thankful that God loved us so much that He gave His only Son on that first Christmas, so that we might have life, full and rich and abundant. It is our prayer that the Love of God fill your hearts and lives at this Christmas season, and bless you in the new year."



From Gary McGill of Wichita, KS:

"Greetings this Holiday Season from the McGill clan, larger by one than this time last year. No, I haven't talked **Sharron** into finally getting a dog.

The larger by one is a son-in-law.

"Our big news of the year was **Jennifer's** wedding in February. In late January, **Jennifer** informed us that she and **David** wanted to get married on Valentine's Day. My first thought was that it would give us just over a year to plan a wedding. WRONG! **Sharron & Jennifer** planned a wedding in three weeks.

"I was working in St. Louis at the time and commuting each week end, so they pretty much had to do it all themselves. It went off really well, with the exception of the minister, who none of us knew anything about, showing up about two minutes before the wedding. Anyway, the wedding went well, and we now have a son-in-law.

"March 1st I celebrated **Sharron's** and my 24th anniversary by starting a new job at Home Depot. I had been working for Sel Pro, a company that markets products to Home Depot stores, and March 1st switched and went to work for the Home Depot in west Wichita when they opened. I still work a few days a month for Sel Pro, mainly servicing the Tulsa, OK, and Fayetteville, AR, stores.

"Early in April I found a guaranteed way to lose weight. Have your tonsils taken out. Didn't help the snowing, but was a great way to lose about 20 pounds in a week or so. Later in April, Mom, **Sharron** and I went to an Alan Jackson concert—he's the guy who advertises Ford trucks.

"In July **Jennifer** started working for the Kansas Humane Society. She puts in 10-11 hour days, and is constantly getting scratched, bitten or otherwise maimed, but seems to really like her job. We were really happy when she started working

there, but wish the days were shorter and less bruising. Also in July, **Sharron's** sister **Kathy** and her family came to visit. Mom turned her house over to us for a week, and while I was at work or out of town most of the time, **Sharron** and family had a great visit.

"In August we started looking for a house to buy. We were interested in several, but every time we wrote a contract, someone had beat us to it. **Sharron** even wrote separate contracts on two houses at the same time while I was out of town, and before I had even seen them, but we were still too late on both of them. We finally got a contract accepted, and with the help of family (Mom, **Jennifer**, **David**) and friends... moved into our own house in mid October. We closed just in time for **Sharron** to hand out Halloween treats.



"In November **Sharron** flew to Phoenix for her niece [**Wendy Barnett's**] wedding. She got to help with quite a bit of the last minute details and had a great time. The wedding was at a local mansion. **Sharron** was really glad that she was able to go.

"We got to celebrate Thanksgiving in our new house with family and friends, hopefully the beginning of a new tradition. We did have to share **Jennifer & David** with his family, also, but they were able to come over later and started a new tradition of their own—watching a Dallas Cowboy victory.

"December has been more of the usual. We are looking forward to a great holiday season with family and friends and hope that all of you are able to have the same." New e-mail address is <G.L. MCGILL@WORLDNET.ATT.NET (Gary McGill)>.



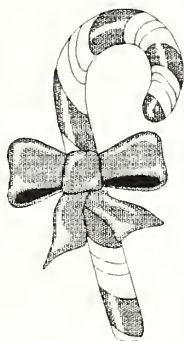
Jack R. Mason wrote December 25, Christmas Day, from Kobe, Japan: "The kids are growing like weeds, and two out of the three will likely be taller than **Diane** in the next year or so. The kids are glad to be out of school for three weeks. Canadian Academy is challenging, but good for them. They usually spend the week going to school and doing homework... We saw a little snow on the way to Tokyo this week, and a few flakes here a week ago. That could be all for the year for this area.

Life in Japan. CHRISTmas version. Actually X-mas. The Japanese celebrate X-mas. CHRISTmas without our CHRIST. They have Santa Claus, but you can't find cards with Nativity scenes. Since December 25 is

not an official holiday in Japan, it is usually a workday, so Christmas Eve is actually the celebration time. After the husband is home from work at 7 or 8 p.m., the family celebrates at home. They have Christmas cake and then give presents. They sometimes have a 12" to 18" Christmas tree. By Christmas Day, the decorations in the stores come down, and the work day starts.

"Christmas is a great time to tell our Japanese friends about Jesus and His birth. The Japanese people are very curious about others' traditions, religions and activities, especially Americans'. I was able to give each engineer, co-manager and secretary in my Division (18) a copy of the "Jesus" video, dubbed in

Nihongo (Japanese) and a candy cane with the story of the red and white stripes created by the Christian Indiana candymaker.



"We were also able to give our Christmas care pack-ages to 100 of the homeless around Kobe with 14 others from our church on Christmas Eve. It is late at night, but it reminds us of how fortunate we are and how much the Lord loves us and cares for us.

"Earlier this month we were able to go Christmas caroling twice—one with our church outside three of the train stations, and another time in our neighborhood of international families with three neighbor families who work at Shin Caterpillar Mitsubishi.

"New Year's is the big holiday. The children got to visit their parents on New Year's Eve and Day. On New Year's Eve they go to the temple as a family—about the only time in a year. New Year's Eve, Day and the next 3 days are holidays, mostly spent

relaxing with the family. At work there are end-of-year parties (Bonenkei). I had one with my fellow managers, but missed the one with my Division. We had many fish

dishes...most very tasty...though my tastes have had to change the last 18 months. We had Fugu Nabe (a fish soup, from Blowfish), Sushi (raw fish in rice cake and wrapped with sea weed), Sashimi (raw fish), poke and other vegetables. Endings and beginnings are very important to the Japanese people.

"I have had the luxury of taking extra vacation days from Dec. 17-28. December 29-January 4 are

our official time off. Diane and I celebrated 16 years of happy marriage. We stayed in downtown Kobe and Christmas shopped while the kids stayed with our neighbors.

"We went to the Sizzler--because they have a great salad bar. I saw the special--two salad bars and steak for 5,000 yen. That looked good, so we ordered it. We got two salad bars and one steak dinner—just like it was advertised. I thought in my American mind that was two salad bars and two steaks. Not. But I had a great salad bar.

"Sunday we had the Covenant Players come to our morning and evening church. These three (of over 150 Covenant Players) perform drama in Japan and Hawaii as missionaries, living by faith through free-will offerings and staying in homes of church members. They use very little props (maybe a cap, etc., and chairs, tables they borrow), but present down-to-earth, easy-to-understand Gospel, presenting dramas for young and old in Japanese and English. They usually present 4 or 5 mini dramas in about 45 minutes. Diane and I thought **Tiffany** would be a good candidate for this group.

"Monday we shopped and packed. Tuesday the whole family got up at 5:00 a.m.. And caught a 6:15 a.m. local train to the Shin Kansen (or bullet train) to Tokyo. It took a little over 3 hours to get to Tokyo. We saw Mount Fuji clearly in the morning. Usually it is cloud covered. We took a local train from Tokyo station to Tokyo Disney Land. We put up our bags at our hotel and went to the park. We were there from 11:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The fireworks are early at 8 p.m., and we were very tired by 9:00 p.m. We had to have two rooms because we are a family of five. This is the way outside USA. After a good night's rest we had breakfast and headed back to Tokyo Disney Land. We went on quite a few rides, ate lunch, and shopped a bit, then left at 2 p.m. We took a local to Tokyo, then transferred to another train and went to a Christian bookstore in downtown Tokyo. They had an English book, video and CD section on the third floor—so we had a great time purchasing songbooks, videos, CDs and books we had only seen in the States. Next we went to Burger King to have a Whopper. They do not have BK steak houses in the Kobe area, so that was like being back in the States. After the Whopper, we headed back to the Shin Kansen station and back to Kobe and home about 10:30 p.m.

"Thursday we went with Pastor to get food for the homeless care packages, and the kids visited the cat museum—actually living, pet-able and uncaged cats. It took several hours to determine what goods to get for 100 homeless care packages. We got canned tuna,

canned eel, crackers, snacks, Mikans (small oranges—mandarin oranges), cup of seafood noodles, instant soup, etc. Pastor had already picked up gloves and socks. We forgot Thursday was the Emperor's Birthday, so all of Japan was at Kous (like Sam's Club). It took about an hour to get through the checkout lines and into elevators with two large (American size) shopping carts to the parking deck.

"Friday I was lazy and slept in until 7:30 am. Diane walked with her neighbor ladies, and then they had a little Christmas gathering.

"**Jessica** and I took off and went Christmas shopping. It's never too late, and the Christmas rush is not bad, seeing Christmas Eve was a work day. **Jessica** and I got out of the house at 11 a.m., caught a train for Kobe, shopped, and were back by 2 p.m.

"It is about a 10-minute walk to the station and 30 minutes to Kobe by train. I bought Diane's gifts: popcorn canister (large is about a half gallon size), perfume and bath and body lotion, spray, talc. We had picked up other gifts earlier, most of them Diane already knew about.

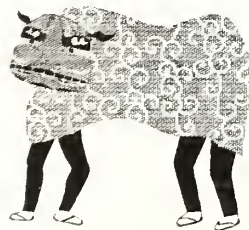
"It was difficult for **Diane** to buy for me, because everything I could think of was either electronic or electric powered. The TVs, VCRs, DVDs have different TV stations and formats than the US. Also, any-thing electric is 100 volts, not 110 volts used in USA. So I got clothes. Thank you much.

"Everybody had much more gifts than we deserved, but we do appreciate them.

"I like what pastor said in his Christmas Eve message about a little girl that was asked if she got everything she wanted for Christmas. She answered, "Well, no, but then again, it's not my birthday."

"It was Jesus' birthday. Thanks be to Him for the gift of eternal life and this time of the year that we can celebrate His birth.

"Have a merry Christmas and a great 2000! Be Y2K compliant, make sure you know the Lord personally, and change your computer's software. Love, **Randy & Diane, Tiffany, Jessica & Aaron.**"



THE KIMMEL CONNECTION:

OTHER KIMMEL COUSINS

Dene Sawyer Weathersbee of Texas wrote September 1 from <dweather@gte.net (Tex Weathersbee):

"I am not a Kimmel. My dad, **Thomas Alpha Sawyer**, was married in 1894 to a **Mary Etta Kimmel** who was born in Indiana. I do not know much about her except where/when she was married, to whom married and her children and some grandchildren, and where she is buried.

"After her death my father remarried, and I was the child of that marriage, which makes **Mary Etta's** children my half brother and sisters. If you think this Kimmel had anything to do with your group, I will search out my info and send it to you."

In a November 11 e-mail, **Linda & James Koharski** asked:

"I purchased an old milk bottle at an antique store. The bottle states KIMMEL ICE CREAM HITS THE SPOT. There is a bull's-eye with an arrow with DELICIOUS. The back of the bottle states, "Good morning and Good Health Valley View Pa." Imprinted in the glass at the bottom is a large K.

"Does anyone know what Kimmel family was associated with the **Kimmel Dairy**? I have seen advertisements in the Gratz, PA., Fair for **KIMMEL milkshakes**. I do not collect bottles and only bought it due to the Kimmel connection."

Warren E. Kimmel of Trumbull, CT, <SpecialK2B@aol.com>, knows the answer and sent an e-mail Dec. 3 telling about Pennsylvania's **Kimmel Dairy**.

"I was born and raised in Valley View, PA, January 8, 1929. I used to work for **Allen**

Kimmel who owned the dairy... I used to deliver milk, ice, and ice cream to the Kimmel booth at the Gratz Fair, which was and is held every year. I left the Valley in 1946 and get back home on occasion, mostly now just for funerals.



"When we were young, we had little interest in genealogy, but I remember my dad telling us that **Allen Kimmel** was a distant cousin. His wife was named **Eva**, and they had one daughter named **Nancy**, who married a local boy named **Bill Whitman**. I believe they moved to an area around Harrisburg.

"The **Kimmel Dairy** also had an ice cream parlor in this small town, and during the Second World War, we who were too young to join used to hang out at the restaurant, which also had a dance floor. This was the coolest spot in the Hegin's Valley. Memories, memories.

"As far as the dairy goes, it is no longer in operation. **Allen** died from diabetes...when they had to remove one leg, I think he gave up hope for a good life.

"I know the dairy was still around in 1948 and 1949, because that was between my times in the USMC, and I worked at the dairy and in the booth at the Gratz Fair.

"...The [Kimmel Dairy] milk crate...many did I lift and carry. It is a collector's item, and even in the Valley there is not much **Kimmel Dairy** items available. The dairy went out of business somewhere early in the 50s. The restaurant was converted to apartments, the dairy processing plant was dismantled, and the building last I knew of was used as a body and fender repair shop."

Warren tells us he joined the USMC in 1946 and was called back during the Korean War. He still has a brother and two sisters living in the area.

"My grandfather was **Aaron Kimmel**. He had a farm and butcher shop in Sacramento, PA.

"He took the produce and meats to market in a horse-drawn ice cooled wagon. He would start very early in the morning and not get home till very late at night..."

He's interested, he says, in **Kimmel Dairy** collectibles. "The rarest Kimmel bottles were the ones with a baby face on the neck of the bottle. This face was molded right into the glass

of the bottle.

"An October 7 e-mail from M. Jay Kimmel of <mjayk@stny.rrun.com> is entitled "**And then there are the one-M Kimmels**".

Jay writes: "My great great grandfather **Henry Kimmel** 1800-1900 signed his name with the more common spelling. However, one of his

sons, who owned a flour mill, changed the spelling to **Kimel**, family accounts say to allow the name to fit on the flour sacks more readily. When Henry died, this son must have been involved in the burial, as Henry is buried with the name **KIMEL** on the gravestone.

"At least one other son of Henry, my great-grandfather, also changed his name to **Kimel** and used it all his life. And my grandfather, born with that spelling kept it all his life.

"However, my dad tired of people mispronouncing his name and changed the spelling back to **Kimmel**. Not legally—he just started using the spelling consistently. He even had that spelling used on the gravestone of his father. I see this as some sort of reverse symmetry—the natural order reasserting itself, so to speak.

"I know of at least one living descendant of Henry who still bears the **Kimel** label. But **Kimmel**, **Kimmell**, **Kimel** or whatever, it's all the same. Anyone for one M and two L's?

"P.S.," Jay adds, "Henry is one of the sons of **Isaac Kimmel** of Coitsville Twp, Mahoning County, OH. Will be glad to exchange information with any descendant of **Isaac**.



"P.P.S," he finishes, "And no, the M. in my name has nothing to do with one M!"



West Virginia

Betty
Jane
Kimble

e-mailed

us this fall: "...I have a question for you. My Kimel line became a Kimble line of Va/WV through John Kimble Sr.

"I noticed in your post that you have Stump and Bower lines. These lines are also associated with VA/WV and the Kimel/Kimbles there. My Kimel/Kimbles are from Hapshire, Hardy, Grant & Pendelton Counties, VA/WV.

"Some of John Kimble/Kimel Jr's sons and children are lost to us. We do not know where they went. I'm wondering if your Stump and Bower lines could be related to those that are also related to our Kimel/Kimble line. We are missing Lambert/Leonard, George, and Michael Kimel/Kimble..."



We have a Christmas letter from Ronald & Maxine

Kimmel of Ronan, MT which begins, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given," > Isaiah 9:6. These words are especially meaningful to **Ronald** and me this Christmas season. We have witnessed the rebirth of our son, **Evin**.

"The second day of June he was diagnosed with a very aggressive and fast-growing lymphoma. It was throughout his body and into some of his bones. The doctor told us unless he received a new, aggressive form of chemo-therapy that he would be gone within two days. After much soul searching and many tears on everyone's part, he finally agreed to the treatment.

~~"Then God stepped in with his~~

mighty love in the form of extended family and friends, church members of the churches different family and friends attended, and a miracle occurred.

"After six and a half months of treatment and a stem cell transplant, **Evin** has been declared cancer free. His doctor calls him his miracle patient, and we now know more than ever the power of prayer and love. Words are inadequate to describe our thanks and gratitude to all of you.

Evin, his wife and son will soon be going back to Saudi Arabia, where he has a job with McDonnell Douglas. So all of the **Ronald Kimmel** family have MUCH to be thankful for this year.



"The rest of our family is doing well. Some of the family have had the usual bug that goes around in the fall season.

"Needless to say, there wasn't much hunting or fishing done by **Ronald**. Church work and city hall keep beckoning **Maxine**. **Shirley** is busy with her nursing career. **Linda** is still activities director in Harlowton, **Kathy** is finally taking time off from college to regroup, the grandkids are all doing well, healthy and reasonably happy. My mother is going strong in Great Falls at 92 plus.

GOD IS INDEED GOOD! Best wishes for a Blessed Holiday Season!" And an e-mail note: This is **Maxine Kimmel (Ronald)** in Ronan, MT. My e-mail is <gramik@ronan.net>. ...Hoping to get to the reunion again this year... Hope everything going well in Kansas and Missouri. We didn't get any snow until AFTER Christmas."



Barb in FL, whose e-mail address is <babz4@juno.com> sent information on

~~KIMMEL BEER from her mother's~~

cousin: "The Kimmels were brewers of **Kimmel Beer**. Kimmel/Kummel means caraway seed, and was what gave this beer its distinctive flavor.

"Some of the Kimmels settled in the Pittsburgh area. **George Kimmel** moved to Tusawawas Co., OH, then in the 1830's to Union Co. IL. George's son, **Joseph Kimmel** met and married **Margaret Cruse** in 1839. The Cruse family were Dunkards by religion, and it is thought the Kimmels were too, although later they belonged to the Baptist Church and some to the Christian Church. **Joseph & Margaret** moved to Bowen, Hancock Co. IL in the 1840s. In 1862 they moved to Creal Springs, IL."

Barb says, "My cousin Gwen visited Creal Springs in 1978 and said there were still Kimmels living in the area, and there are **Kimmel Orchards** still in existence and owned by Kimmel descendants.

"Gwen also was in Germany in 1975 and said **Kimmel Beer** was still sold there at that time.

"**Joseph Kimmel and Margaret Cruse** had 17 children, including a set of twins, one of which died in infancy. There were nine boys and eight girls. Ten of their children lived to be over 80 years old. Two of their sons were in the Union Army in the Civil War. **George** enlisted at age 16 and died of measles shortly after. **Henry** served in Company D, 78th Regiment, Infantry of IL Volunteers for three years. He served under Gen. Sherman. **Henry** lived to be 83-84 years old and died in Quincy, IL. (George & Henry are the only names I know out of Emily's 16 siblings.)

"**Emily Kimmel Coleman & Thomas Fletcher Coleman** are my great-grandparents. They had 20 children. The oldest was my mother's father, **Joseph Emmett Coleman**. The info on the Kimmels came from Emily herself and was handed down to me from Cousin Gwen, whose mother was a daughter of Emily & Joseph..."

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The award was presented at a

banquet in Alva, OK.,
January 15.

Troutt was described by the Cherokee, OK., *Messenger & Republican* as “a legend in the sports world in Oklahoma,” in article by reporter Carol Angle. During the Timberlake home-coming game the previous week, Ray was “called to the center of the court where it was announced that a large picture of him will hang in the school, and all of those present who had been coached by him came out to shake his hand – approximately 30 to 40 people.”

The *Messenger* article continues, “Long recognized for his coaching skills, Troutt is already a member of the Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Eight-Man Coaches Association Hall of Fame.”

Ray’s Kimmel connection is through his mother, Emma June Hummer Troutt, a daughter of Clem and Martha Kimmel Hummer.

After graduating from Follett, TX., High School in 1939, Ray went on to Northwestern University, lettering in football, basketball, and baseball. During World War II, Ray was a mechanic in the U. S. Army Air Force, also playing football for the Air Corps against local college teams in California.

After the war ended, he returned to finish his degree at Northwestern, but his football playing career ended when he lost the use of his right eye as a result of a football injury.

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career began in 1948 in Nash, OK, where he coached boys’ and girls’ basketball and baseball, then moved on to Helena High School in 1953. He started out coaching basketball, football, baseball and track, but by 1972 until his retirement in 1980, he concentrated on football and

baseball.

As Helena’s enrollment dwindled, Coach Troutt’s football teams shrunk from 11-man football to eight-man football and eventually six-man. “In 1956-1960,” writes Angle, “he coached six-man football and won a ‘mythical’ state

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DAYS INN 2309 Iowa, 66047, (785) 843-9100, (800) DAYS INN	101	60	2	2	•			YES
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WESTMINSTER INN, L.C. 2525 W. 6th Street, 66049, (785) 841-8410, (888) 937-8646	60	38		2	•			YES
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ELDRIDGE HOTEL 7th & Massachusetts, 66044, (785) 749-5011, (800) 527-0909	48	12	48	1		•	•	NO
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championship."

"In 1960," Angle says, "he organized the Wheatbelt eight-man schedule, and in 1961 developed a state playoff with the eight-man teams in the Panhandle." That year, Helena won the Wheatbelt, but lost to Tyrone in the state playoff. Helena's first state championship came in 1970-71.

In 1973, Troutt was the winning coach in the first eight-man All Star game held at Northwes-tern, Angle reports, and also coached in the 1975 and 1976 games.

"His win-loss record in eight-man football is 134-38," the newspaper reports, and "He had over 400 wins in baseball."



Ray Troutt, left, receives a Hall of Fame award in Oklahoma.

**TIM KIMMEL'S
KIMMEL COLUMN**

**Kimmel Soldiers in
the American
Revolution**

**#14 -- George Kimmel of
Lancaster, PA.**

George Kimmel arrived in Philadelphia aboard the ship Neptune in 1751 and was a resident of Lancaster by 1757 where he was naturalized in 1764. He and wife Eva Susanna were members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

George served as private in 8th class of Captain J. Vander-lice's Company of the 3rd Battalion of Lancaster Co., PA.; in the 1780 roll in Vol. 7, Series , PA. Archives.

His will was probated in 1782 and filed among the German wills in Lancaster. It listed no children--only a wife, a brother Jacob and sister Margaret. With no descendants, noting his George's record serves only those trying to apply this military record to other George Kimmels in America at the time.

**Kimmel Family
History**

Part 8

Children of Jacob Kimmel

of Gimbsheim

The following details come from records of the Gimbsheim Reformed Church:

**Children of Johann Jacob
Kimmel & Maria Barbara
Heinrich:**

Anna Elisabetha – born 10/1/1730; baptized 10/12/1730
sponsor: Anna Elisabetha, wife of Hartman Heinrich; died 11/10/1730, age 6 weeks.

Johann Valentin – born 8/28/1731; baptized 9/2/1731
sponsor: his uncle Johann Valentin Kimmel; confirmed 1746, age 14; died 6/14/1749, age 17 years 9 months 15 days.

Johann Adam – born 9/12/1733, baptized 9/20/1733,
sponsor: Johann Adam Muth; confirmed 1747, age 13 years.

Veronika – born 8/8/1735, baptized 8/10/1735, sponsor: Veronica, wife of Johann Philip Beltzer; died 3/3/1737.

Johann Michael – born 4/19/1737, baptized 4/22/1737,
sponsor: Johann Michael Staÿ; died 4/6/1746, age 8 years 11 months 15 days.

Johann Jacob – born 1/13/1739, baptized 1/18/1739,
sponsor: Philip Kimmel a citizen of Eÿch.

Maria Christina – born 9/14/1741, baptized 9/17/741, sponsor: Maria Christina, wife of Johann Philip Christ.

Johannes – born 7/4/1743, baptized 7/4/1743, sponsor: Johannes Oswald.

Johann Georg – born 6/7/1745, baptized 6/13/1745, sponsor: Johan Georg Lohman of Dienheim.

Johann Heinrich – born 6/23/1746, baptized 6/26/1746, sponsor: Johann Heinrich Lohman; died 5/29/1747, age 11 months 6 days.

Rupertus – born 5/31/1748, baptized 6/1/1748, sponsor: Rupertus Muth.

[Barbara – not found in church records]

**New on the Kimmel Family
Record Web Site**
<http://www2.fwi.com/~tkimmel/>

The Kimmel Family Record web site continues to evolve. The **Summary of Lineages** now lists over 7000 Kimmels born before 1900, plus nearly an equal number of spouses. With Kimmels before and after 1900 and their spouses and children, I'm sure I have way over 20,000

names on file.

Besides the regular portraits on the Images web page, I've added an **Orphaned Photos** page. This has old photos in which all or some of the individuals are unidentified. As people in related families find my web site, I hope they will see them and find matches among their own family photos.

Soon there will also be a list of cemetery headstones. The images for the stones won't be online, but I'll offer to e-mail scans to anyone of any headstone image sent to me that clearly shows the name and dates.

Now that the detail from the Gimbshiem and Eich church records have appeared in the *Kimmel Family News*, I'll soon get them posted to the web site, too.

A **Family Bible** page gives transcript of births, deaths and marriages listed in old family Bibles. More family reunions will be added to the Calendar of Events. And anyone wanting to know what changes have been made since the last time they visited the web site can click on "New on This Site (Updates)" and see a list of the latest additions.

LOBENGIER-KIMMEL DESCENDANTS SOUGHT

by Philip Pahl

This concerns my great-great-great-grandparents, Henry and Susannah (Lobengier) Kimmel and their graves. I was at their burial site, Free Church Cemetery, Superior Twp., Washtenaw County, MI (just north of Ypsilanti) in June. I had hoped to photograph their headstones but didn't because the stones are broken and the inscriptions nearly illegible.

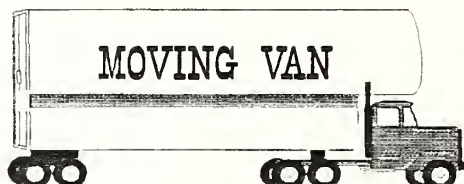
An "orphan" photo from Bonnie Tomlinson Winters, dated 1911. The lady in the center is one of David & Leah Kimmel's daughters (which?). And who are the two children?



Are there any other descendants of these two remarkable pioneers who came to Michigan in 1825 (by way of Kaskaskia, IL) who would be willing to join with me in buying small, more permanent markers for their graves? Brass or bronze perhaps? If so, please contact me:

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Address changes & additions:

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Kimmel, Judith C., 320 Grantham Drive, Englewood, OH 45322.

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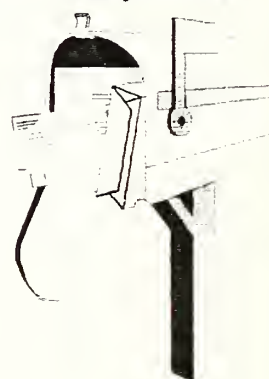


Young Violet Smith Tomlinson (1908-1976) and her brother, Llewellyn W. Smith (1906-1971), children of Edith Muriel Whitmer Smith, pose in front of their home on a special occasion. Photocopy sent by Violet's daughter, Bonnie.

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Winters, Sgt. Timothy, A Co. 3-58th AVN Regt, CMR 477, Box 581, APOAE 09165.

Family Mailbox



Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer descendants:

Bonnie Winters wrote January 31 from San Antonio, TX:

"Enclosed xerox copies of some of the photographs that I have and I would be happy to send originals to you if you would want them. I do not have the names of some of the individuals in the pictures, other than my family, but the pictures of Hamilton & Kidder, MO., and the family home might be of interest.

Also, the picture of Rear Admiral Kimmel's dress sword and scabbard and the group photo was taken at the Nimitz Museum's new wing dedicated to the Pacific War. The Kimmel exhibit is housed in the

George Bush Gallery of the Pacific War. I recommend everyone visiting Texas to stop in Fredericksburg (north of San Antonio) and spend some time in and around Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz' hometown and museum."

Bonnie updated her son **Tim's** new address, which has "changed to his Kosovo post." After May, Bonnie tells us, "he will be back in Germany, I hope." She also sent along her daughter **Amma's** address so we can add her to the mailing list. [Thanks, **Bonnie!** We want lots of photos!]

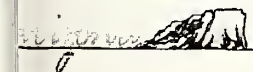
A followup note from Bonnie in April says Tim is fine, should be leaving his Kosovo assignment in a few days, and she'll be very relieved when that happens.

Elizabeth Kimmel Bowman descendants

Janet Christie sent an unusual genealogy chart with a note: "You may already have a copy of this--It was done by **Walter Kimmel Bowman** in 1954. He did it to figure out where the connection was in the Kimmel family between his line and his wife, **Twila Kimmel Bowman's** line. It is a dual representation of the two lines descendants from **Philip #2** through **Jacob & David Kimmel...**

Also, thank you again for information you sent about the **Meyers** and **Beeghley** families. Did you say you have a writeup from the Jefferson County newspaper of the marriage of **Twila & Walter?**"

Henry H. Kimmel descendants:

 **Bob Bower** sent e-mails Dec. 3 & 5 from Quartsite, AZ: We had a few cold mornings and two windy days, but not as bad as last year. Sculpture coming along. Finishing the two ned. Size ones. In the final nishing of putting on the glaze o fill pinholes and sanding them own. Lots of small pinholes. It eems there is no end of nperfections to improve upon. worked on the big one a little, oo. One I started at McLouth. lot too much water damage to x...

went hunting for tank shells ved., found only shrapnel from arge tanks that were Gen. 'atton's, where his training ound was before they went to frica in WWII. Have to try

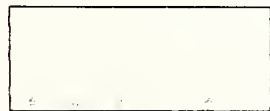
again sometime. Metal detector worked better than anyone else's. I could find things every few feet..."

"...I've located a cheap dune buggy (almost) Volkswagen, \$300. I'll have to fix it over to a Baja Bug myself. I'll let you know if I get it. There are gold mines all around this area. Went west of town 5 miles for an hour yesterday. Did not find any, but detector works fine. I'll go back with a bucket and bring back some dirt to work up. I was told there were nuggets in that area. There were people working a dry sluice nearby..."



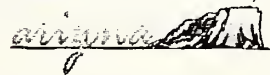
Jennifer & David Benbrook

From **David & Jennifer McGill Benbrook** of Wichita, KS, we have a photo that came with Christmas greetings. "Hoping that your Holiday Season is filled with lots of joy and love."



Jennifer's grandfather, **Fred Bower** of Wichita,

called to tell us he'd made two rockhound trips to Oklahoma this winter and was visiting a friend in Blackwell in January. He spent three days fishing at Fall River and his catch included "a little five-pound fish that was big enough for breakfast." Now that spring is here, he's concentrating on the lawn and flowers, he says.



Bob Bower wrote

February 1: "Been too busy to write much lately. Went to Mexico for **Eileen's** birthday..."

"We went shopping at the flea mkts here. There were thousands of shoppers all over town. Estimated population 250,000 people here in RV's for the last two weeks. Traffic was

backed up a mile at the 4-way stop signs. It took half hour to get out of town in any direction.

"We used the Bug to go down the gully to shortcut to get to other exhibits. They had and still have about everything for sale you can imagine, both new and used. I bought some sterling silver so I could make something using stones I've picked up out in the hills.

"Lots of rock hounding around here. We went to California one day to pick up fire opal, found lots. We went south toward Yuma, about 55 miles, to a gold mining area and found some nice clear quartz crystals last Saturday. Next up is another trip to California (only 23 miles or so) to another mining area. This coming week is a trip to Las Vegas. No, not to gamble, but to attend a stockholders meeting at the casino that I bought stock in last year. They are being bought up by another casino group....

"Are you fed up with the cold yet? I've had shorts and t-shirts as uniform of the day since Christmas. Haha."

We have a February letter from **John &**

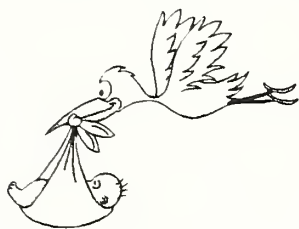
Mary Bower of McLouth, KS: "...We are having beautiful weather. The bank thermometer showed 50 degrees when **Mary** and I came home from prayer meeting about 8:30 last night. Yesterday was **Mary's** birthday -- the day before my daughter **Ruth's**. So we have been celebrating.



"Our computers weren't bitten by the Y2K bug, but they are giving us fits. My old Tandy, which held all my old records from back in the 80's and which **Mary** was using to write letters, quit us before Christmas. I got an IBM PS1 several years ago. It holds all my records for the last 5 years. I upgraded to a new Hewlett Packard before Christmas, and **Mary** was using the IBM to write letters. Somehow she lost the icon for Microsoft works, so we can't get into the word processor spreadsheet. I can't find it, so she is back to the typewriter. Then, when I went to shut down

the new computer, I got a 'fatal error' signal. I have to pull the cord to shut it down. I suppose I will have to get some of the grandkids to show me what is wrong.

"We have had a pretty good year. I am not much account any more. I haven't let my missing right foot slow me down much, but it is catching up with me. The left knee is about worn out. I was going to get a new knee joint last winter, but had



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But I don't
get
enough
exercise.
So I am
beginning

to feel my age. Wherever I go, I look for something to sit down on.

"I have even bought an electric scooter for shopping, etc., but it is so much trouble to take it apart to load it in the car we are going to have to trade it for a minivan so we can haul it whole. Fortunately, I can still drive the car pretty good, and my vision is pretty good, except facing bright lights at night. We are on the go a lot, but seldom get far from home.

"**Mary** has a new great-granddaughter - I think that makes eight now. My grandkids don't seem to have children, but some nice ones came along in the deal when I married Mary.

"**Gordon & Betty** were up yesterday. I think Gordon may be more fragile than I am. They have moved into a new retirement apartment in Lawrence. They don't have to mow the lawn, or even change a light bulb. That looks more attractive all the time, but we like it here in the country. This house is almost completely barrier free since **Mary's** son gave us a chair glide on the basement steps.

"I don't know where we could find that in a retirement home. The people who design and build them don't realize not everyone has good hands and feet. We look at 'retirement' homes and we see steps, round doorknobs and round bathroom faucet handles.

"But enough on the soapbox. I am thankful we can still go places and do things. Hope to hear from you again soon."

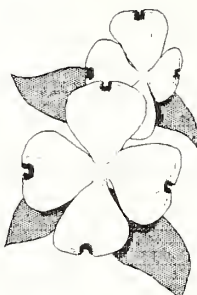


A February
13 e-mail

from **Bob Bower**: "You shoulda seen me flying... out of the sand I had been stuck in for an hour. **Eileen** claimed one wheel was 10 feet off the ground.

"It sure surprised me when the Bug finally kept going and stayed up on top of the sand and then climbed a bank of dirt/sand that formed the bank of the narrow drainage. Not only did the Bug climb that ridge but kept going and climbed another bank of similar sand. The dirt was flying too. I just kept my foot on the gas. I figured that as long as it was moving I should keep it moving.

"I would not have gotten stuck in the first place except for a very narrow hole of deep sand ahead. I wanted to look first. Hindsight says I should have blasted through. Instead, I detoured to the side and broke through and was stuck. Lots of sand to be moved to get out, some 20 ft. before getting the wild ride out. I guess I'd better go to another place next time."



Virginia Bower Mason of Stone Mountain, GA., was just back from a buying trip in Florida when we talked with her this winter. She'd also been to Dallas, TX., to

visit her son **David & Gail Mason** and family. She left during an ice storm in Georgia, she says, and arrived in an ice storm in Dallas. Gail was sick, Virginia, said, so she got to babysit with her grand-children, **Courtney**, 3, and **Hope**, 18 months. "We played Plane Ride, Taxi Ride and Boat Ride, and Dressup," she told us.

Her son **Jack**, wife **Diane**, and children **Tiffany**, **Jessica**, & **Aaron**, will be home on annual leave from Japan in June, 2000. Once again, they plan to go around the world to get to the USA and back to Japan.

A March 11 e-mail from **Bob Bower**, enjoying retirement in Arizona & Colorado:

"Just thought I'd let you know what I did



during the time **Eileen** goes to visit her mother in the summer.

"In 1998 I first climbed Mt. Ouray at 13,971 ft. This mt. Was named for Chief Ouray, a Ute Indian chief. I climbed from Ouray Creek on the south side. It appeared to be a better climb than the ridge route on the west. If you were to look at a picture taken from there, you would have to hold it above your head to get the correct angle. I encountered nothing but boulders from the start. This was very steep, but mostly just scrambling along. I just kept picking out land-marks and aiming for that. I got to the top at 11:00 a.m.

"Just as I sat down to write down my great feat, it started to sleet and rain, along with lightning. The storm had come in from the north, out of sight from the south, where I was. I beat a hasty retreat down the west side, assuming the normal trail would be easier. What trail? Where was it? There was nothing but slippery boulders there too.

"I moved as fast as I could, and I was constantly inspired by the lightning to keep going, scrambling along. After a mile the storm had moved to the open area just south of the mountain. It finally circled around that area as I climbed on down. The descent was steep and treacherous all of the way until about 1 mile to go. I could not plant my feet in the normal alignment until the last half mile. So much for the easier route!

"I felt age 30 when I started and gained a few years coming down. It took 4 hours to climb Mt. Ouray and four and a half to climb down the 'easy' way.

The next week I headed for Mt. Shavano, at 14,229 ft. (named for a Ute Indian chief.) This is the mountain known for its snow angel snow field, which you climb beside above timberline. I met up with several people from Lawrence, KS, and made the trip up with them. It was 7 miles each way and about 4,000 ft. elevation gain.

It then rained for a month, or so it seemed. I finally got to climb Mt. Tabeguache at 14,155 ft. (Named for the Ute Indian tribe

of Chief Shavano). This was 1 mile west of the summit of Shavano. I should have



climbed this from Mt. Shavano, as it turned out, but weather did not look promising that day. This turned out to be a hard climb. Steep is hardly a just word to describe the grade. Bouldering is easier than trying to climb up stair-steps that are far apart. Then, about two miles up through the timber, it turned to scree. This is very small rocks or gravel. Two steps up and you slide down one. I finally went to the side and found better footing, but still bad. I have a nice ptarmigan picture—a bird that lives above timberline.

"The climb would have been easier if I could have seen the view from Mt. Taylor (13,650 ft) that I climbed in July of 1999. This climb was a walk up mountain near the RV park we were staying at, about 5 miles each way and 3000+ ft in elevation gain.

"Finally I got to climb Mt. Huron, 14005 ft. This was another walk up mt. Except for the last 250 ft. of scrambling in boulders and scree.

"The first four mountains were all near Monarch Pass. This last mountain is between Leadville and Salida. It overlooks the Taylor Resv. Valley. You can see fourteeners every-where. Even the next mountains to it are that high.

"Mt. Elbert, Colorado's highest (14,433 ft)—I climbed that in 1994. It is only 15 miles away by bird. Along with climbing Mt. Elbert in 94, I climbed Mt. Sherman (14,036 ft) and Mr. Sheridan at 13,748 ft. in the same week. (I must have been younger.)

This year it's Mt. McKinley in Alaska at 20,000 ft. plus. Haha.



Bob sent another e-mail on March 14,

his 64th birthday: "As we left Colorado, we stopped at Dolores and spent a week. We visited Mesa Verde National Park, me for the third time. Most of it was shut down for the day. They were paving. No guided tours. You could go to Balcony House if you paid early, and that was the only one open with a guide. I still do not like that 35 ft. Ladder or the 15 ft one either. It was not the exposure of the thousand foot drop. I just don't like ladders, even those on the ground.

Cliff Palace was open but not

guided. This was only the first week of Sept. We visited lots of Indian trading posts, looking at jewelry, pottery, etc., great stuff.

"From there we headed toward the Grand Canyon. We detoured to Monument Valley. We could not stay long, as we were due in at the RV park on the same day. The Grand Canyon was surrounded in fog, actually a cloud. We had been driving all day in rain and now fog; great. If anyone wants full hookups at the campground, you have to get the private number, private corp., which runs that campground inside the park. The campground is a USFS campground, but you had better get to the full hookups park by 5:00, because they put up the no-vacancy sign and go home.

"We hiked down Bright Angel Trail three miles or so. They will only allow you so far on a day hike. If you want to backpack you need a permit. The next day I again hiked down the next trail east. The old donkeys from 50 years ago have been replaced by mules. It's expensive, but with reservations you can go all the way down to Phantom Ranch. My folks would never have let us even get near the edge, let alone hike down.

"The third day I went to Hermit's Rest and hiked down again. I found a huge slab with dinosaur tracks on it, scouted around and found lots more. These were several thousand feet of rock from the top. Tells you how old and long ago they were here. Highly recommend the trip.

"There are major changes due next year, mostly in where the headquarters will be. They tell me that Mexico has their own canyon, which is twice as large. Gas very expensive at the park or nearby towns.



Mike & Deanna Tompkins flew to St. Kitts to celebrate their

20th wedding anniversary in February. Now that spring has arrived in Missouri, they're working hard on their lawn, adding a second "cement pond" for their much enjoyed goldfish and koi, who made it through the winter in fine shape.

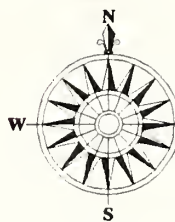


Ken & Jan Tompkins of Columbia, MO, have already had

a busy spring. Ken, a diabetic with retinopathy problems, has had several eye surgeries in the past year, including cataract surgery on one eye. "We've lost count," Jan says.

Jan is excited about her new hobby of machine quilting—she took beginners' classes at a local fabric shop and learned rotary cutting. And they still make time for

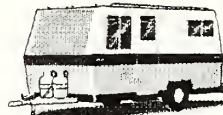
therapeutic exercise daily at Boone Hospital's nearby gym. Ken makes it a point to burn 500-600 calories daily in his hour, and Jan (who aims for 500 but often settles for 400) was unabashedly bragging about adding five "chinups" to her workout. "That makes me officially Fit & Fat," she says. "Before, I was just fat."



A hurried e-mail from **Bob Bower** April 17: "Yes, we are still here. We are having lots of fun too. We have been motoring around in the Bug. We found a sand

hill that was too steep and long for us to go down without knowing if we could get back up again.

Years ago I would have gotten stuck. The sand is getting loose and is much harder to get through now. The RV park is almost empty now. Everyone has headed north. We will be heading out, maybe by next week. We have to move first. We bought a newer home. We traded the 28 ft. RV for a 40 ft. park model. Now it's got to be a place to store all of our things. We have more room, too. It has two slide outs, one in the living room and one in the bedroom. I can actually put my computer on a desk. We will head for Las Vegas first for a month, and then head for the Far North. I guess postcards will do for communication from now on. We won't transfer the phone..."



Bob followed that with a "see-you-later" note: "Time to sign off for a while. Will

be back on line late Sept. Got most of the moving done. Glad it's only a 100 ft or so walk to carry things... Eileen's daughter is expecting in May, so we will be around for several weeks... When we head north, it will be on Highway US 93 all the way until Jasper, Alberta, Canada..."

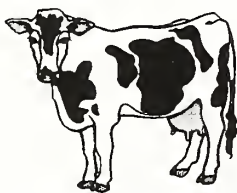
The Kimmel connection: other Kimmel cousins

Don Dolton of Kansas City MO wrote that he wants to attend the 2000 Kimmel Reunion, which is so nearby. "I'm finally getting all the Kimmels into a proper order. You had mentioned a few Kimmels in the northern part of Kansas, but no one I recognized. I knew someone had visited with my grandmother in Enterprise, KS, several years ago—like 20 or so, and so I e-mailed **Allan** in Topeka, thinking he might have been the one, but he wrote back that he hadn't met her; however, he thought maybe it was a **Jerry & Leah Kimmel**.

"I had remembered some clippings my grandmother had saved that I inherited amongst several boxes of papers. One was a wedding announcement of **Mrs. Eddie Pierce nee Vickie Kimmel**. The other was an announcement for **Mrs. Halsey Kimmel**, who was also an attendant for **Vickie Ann Kimmel Pierce**!! Now, I figure these must all be related—right??... I plan to attend the reunion AND I will GIVE A BIG HOOT ABOUT TALKING TO ALL THE genealogy nuts. The only problem is that I'm really a beginner and I have no idea to what extent the "nuts" try to find. I'll just load up all the old family pictures from the 1800's, Civil War Discharge, and original papers that were left to me..."

From **Lois Ann McCollum** of beautiful Glenwood Springs, CO, we have a new subscription and a note: "I'm going to be in Germany in June, at Alsheim, Gimbsheim, etc. Maybe I'll find something I can share with your newsletter."

Warren E. Kimmel of <SpecialK2B@aol.com> sent an e-mail December 3 telling about PA.'s **Kimmel Dairy**. "I was born and raised in Valley View, PA, January 8, 1929. I used to work for **Allen Kimmel** who owned the dairy... I used to deliver milk, ice, and ice cream to the Kimmel booth at the Gratz Fair, which was and is held every year. I left the Valley in 1946 and get back home on occasion, mostly now just for funerals."



"When we were young, we had little interest in genealogy, but I remember my dad telling us that **Allen Kimmel** was a distant cousin. His wife was named **Eva**, and they had one daughter named **Nancy**, who married a local boy named **Bill Whitman**. I believe they moved to an area around Harrisburg.

"The **Kimmel Dairy** also had an ice cream parlor in this small town, and during the Second World War, we who were too young to join used to hang out at the restaurant, which also had a dance floor. This was the coolest spot in the Hegins Valley. Memories, memories.

"As far as the dairy goes, it is no longer in operation. Allen died

from diabetes...when they had to remove one leg, I think he gave up hope for a good life. I know the dairy was still around in 1948 and 1949, because that was between my times in the USMC, and I worked at the dairy and in the booth at the Gratz Fair.



"...The [Kimmel Dairy] milk crate...many did I lift and carry. It is a collector's item, and even in the Valley there is not much Kimmel Dairy items available. The dairy went out of business somewhere early in the 50s. The restaurant was converted to apartments, the dairy processing plant was dismantled, and the building last I knew of was used as a body and fender repair shop."

Warren joined the USMC in 1946 and was called back during the Korean War. He still has a brother and two sisters living in the area.

"My grandfather was **Aaron Kimmel**. He had a farm and butcher shop in Sacramento. He took the produce and meats to market in a horse-drawn ice cooled wagon. He would start very early in the morning and not get home till very late at night..."

He's interested, he says, in **Kimmel Dairy** collectibles. "The rarest Kimmel bottles were the ones with a baby face on the neck of the bottle. This face was molded right into the glass of the bottle."

KIMMEL HOME REMEDIES FROM THE INGLENOOK DOCTOR BOOK

The Inglenook Doctor Book (1903) published by Brethren publishing House, was a collection of turn of the century home remedies submitted by members of the Church of the Brethren. The book contains several remedies submitted by Kimmels, mostly from Morrill, KS. Among them:

'**FELON**. #260. Grind sassafras, make into a poultice with cold water and apply. This has been known to cure a felon in one hour. — **Porter Kimmel**, Morrill, Kans."

(Felon is an infection similar to a boil, I am told. N. J. Roop says in the same book, "The first symptom is as if a thorn were very deep in the finger while the surface shows no mark." Other folks' remedies

for the same ailment included concoctions using "ordinary gunpowder," egg yolks, scalding water, a fly blister, rock salt, tobacco and vinegar, and cold stewed pumpkin.)

"**NEURALGIA IN THE FACE**. #433... Make a plaster of ginger and whisky and apply. — **Porter Kimmel**, Morrill, Kans."

"**FRESH CUTS**. #636. —Nothing is better than turpentine if immediately applied, as it is painless and will heal without inflammation. — **Annie Pitzer**, Cordell, Okla; **Mrs. J. H. Kimmel**, Morrill, Kans." [and others]. (Mrs. J. H. Kimmel was **Salina J. Slifer Kimmel**, Porter Kimmel's mother, Debby Bliss reports. **Annie Pitzer** was **Mabel Kimmel Bower**'s sister-in-law.)

"**BURNS**. #669. —Apply aqua ammonia immediately. — **Porter Kimmel**, Morrill, Kans.

Porter Kimmel, Debby Bliss reports, was **Charles Royal Porter Kimmel** who lived 1874-1946. He was a son of **Jonathan H. Kimmel** (1850-1935) and **Salina J. Slifer**. Jonathan H. Kimmel was a son of **Michael M. Kimmel** (1821-1888) and **Nancy Lichty**. Michael M. Kimmel was a son of **Jonathan Kimmel** (1798-1878) and **Susanna Meyers**, Debby's "third great-grandparents." Michael M. Kimmel moved from Somerset County, PA, to Carroll County, IL. His son Jonathan H. married in Ogle County, IL., and later moved to Brown County, KS. Porter Kimmel married first Delila "Lila" L. Fry and, second, Anna Marie Phillippi.

However, my favorite home remedy in this book didn't come from any Kimmel. It is, nevertheless, just as effective now as a century ago:

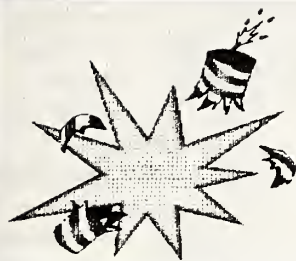
"**QUARRELING**. #910 —Take a small handful of sassafras root, place in a pint bottle, fill the bottle with water and let it stand."

"When anyone comes in and begins scolding you, fill your mouth with this and hold it till he goes out. A cure is guaranteed. — **Samuel Miller**, Craigville, Ind."

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KIMMEL REUNION SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

by Beverly Sanders Muzzy

This year's Kimmel reunion, sponsored by the descendants of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel, gets underway July 7 in Lawrence, KS.

Friday and Saturday events will all be in Lawrence. Sunday events will be in nearby McLouth, KS., where Kimmels

acquired land before the Civil War.

Friday, July 7 (Friday night before).

Lawrence:

Early arrivals from out of town will be greeted at the **Ramada Inn**, Sixth & Iowa (2222 West Sixth Street). Dinner is on your own.

Saturday, July 8.

Lawrence:

9:00-5:00 Registration, mingling, displays, scrap-books, photo albums in the Haskell &

Oread Rooms at **Ramada Inn**. Lunch on your own.

5:30 -9:00 Fellowship Hall of **First United Methodist Church**, 10th & Vermont, downtown Lawrence, KS. (Use west entrance with canopy, take elevator down.).

Supper, talent show, auction, introduce yourself and tell your story, sing-a-long, get acquainted.

Sunday, July 9, McLouth: **Donna's Holiday House**

featuring "Kimmel." (Look for Cowboy Boot & Hat sign at east city limits of McLouth on Hwy 16 & a green highway mileage sign.)

8:00-9:00 Registration, coffee and rolls.

10:00 Worship and memorial service.

11:30 Family Sunday lunch.

1:00 Meeting - comments and plans for next reunion.

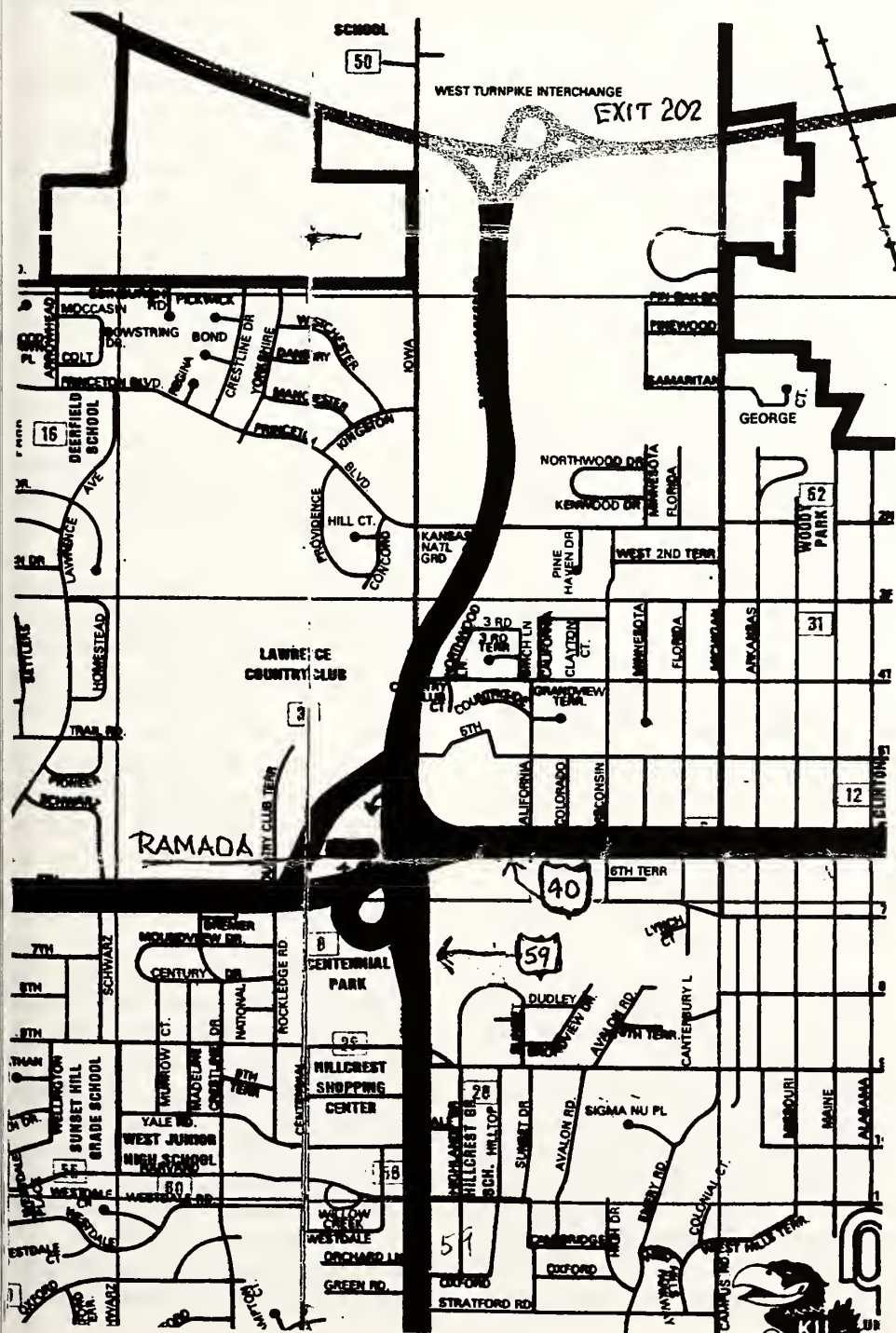
2:30 Tour of Kimmel locations - present, historical, and cemetery.

3:30 Adjourn

All Kimmel displays will be exhibited at the Ramada Inn on Saturday and at McLouth on Sunday.

Payment for meals is requested in advance of the reunion. It is important that we tell the caterers how many meals they need to prepare. the caterers how many meals they need to prepare. Cost of each of the two meals is **\$8.50 for adults**, \$6.00 for children under 8 years.

Also, for our **Memorial Service** on Sunday, we ask that you send us names of Kimmel family members who've passed away since our last reunion in 1997. We will be using fresh



flowers for the service, a carnation for each departed Kimmel. This is a solemn segment of our pro-gram, and we do not want to leave out anyone.

Menu for Saturday evening:

Raspberry spring salad,
sliced baguettes,
mesquite lime chicken,
buttered corn,
seasoned oven potatoes with
baby carrots,
red velvet cake.

Menu for Sunday noon:

salad bar,
pot roast with brown gravy,
mashed potatoes, green beans,
watermelon, fruit tarts.

Please send requested information to Beverly Muzzy at rzbmuzzy@grapevine.net or mail it to her at 21370 259th Street, McLouth, KS 66054.

Who's coming to the reunion?

Early reservations include descendants of **Josiah Kimmel, Henry Harrison Kimmel, Martha Kimmel Hummer, Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer**, as well as descendants of **David Kimmel 1763, Jacob "of Berks" Kimmel**, and other far-flung branches. And we're hoping for more yet! Folks are coming from as far away as California, Indiana, Minnesota, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and, of course, various parts of Kansas.. We've been told that "Mr. Genealogy" **Tim Kimmel** and "Mr. Bluegrass," **Dick Kimmel** plan to attend.

We also hear that Mayor **Judy Kimmel-**

Miller gave up the honor of leading the Old Settlers Day parade at Oskaloosa KS so she can be at the Kimmel reunion! See you there, we hope!

DAVID AND LEAH KIMMEL WERE PIONEERS, DESCENDANTS OF EARLY AMERICAN FAMILIES

David Kimmel, the Jefferson County patriarch, began life in Montgomery County, OH, in a solidly Dunkard family. His parents were John Michael Kimmel (1795-1877) and Esther

Flory (1802-1842), and both families were early arrivals in America.

David's grandfather was David Kimmel (1763-1827), a son of German-born J Philip Kimmel (1724-1796), himself a son of the emigrant Johann Philip Kimmel (1695-1777). David's grandmother was Barbara Croner.

The Kimmel, Flory, and Croner families were actively involved with the Dunkard church from its early days in America. A goodly number of the menfolk in these families were ministers and elders. The Kimmels arrived in America in the 1750s, the Florys in 1733, the Groners in 1738.

David Kimmel was born April 2, 1826, in Montgomery County, OH. He married 21-year-old Leah Riegel on January 18, 1849.

The marriage certificate, says Don Bower's research, lists their address as Liberty, south of Trotwood, OH. (Other sources say Brookville, OH.) Presumably David had lived with his parents until his marriage. The couple united with the German Baptist Brethren Church ("Brethren") the year of their marriage, 1849.

Leah A. Riegel was born in Berks County, PA, April 27, 1828. The records at Host Reformed Church, Tulpehocken Twp., show the christening of "Lea Riegel," daughter of David and Elizabeth [Kaucher] Riegel on August 24, 1828. In 1832, when Leah was four, the Riegel family moved from Pennsylvania to Montgomery County, OH.

Leah's father, David Riegel (b. 1803) was a son of Johannes Riegel III and Anna Maria Kintzer. Johannes III (b. 1777 in Lebanon County, PA, and father of 15 children) was the son of miller Johannes Riegel Jr. (1751-1792) and Elizabeth Zeller (1757-1820).

Johannes Jr's parents were the emigrants Johannes Riegel Sr. (1709-1795), a miller, and Catharina Shirmann (b 1719 in Landau, Rheinland-Pfalz). Catharina's parents, Simon and Catharina Heberling Shurmann "brought their family to America on the ship *Elisabeth*, arriving in Philadelphia 27 Aug. 1733," says page 15 of the genealogy

book *Riegel to Riggel*.

David and Leah Kimmel had seven children: Susan Riegel Kimmel Black, Rev. Josiah Riegel Kimmel, Henry Harrison Kimmel, Elizabeth Kimmel Bowman, Martha Ann Kimmel Hummer, Mary Anne Kimmel Whitmer, and Rose Ivy Kimmel Whitmer. The descendants of David and Leah continue to hold reunions every three years.

According to Gordon Bower's family history, David Kimmel was a Dunkard preacher, "similar to lay ministers of today," and preached in Ohio, Illinois and Kansas, "where he served in Jefferson County as well as in the adjoining counties." **Brethren Encyclopedia**, in its ministerial lists, has no beginning date for his ministry but shows him serving the Ozawkie Church of the Brethren in 1867 and the church at Auburn, IL, from "? - 1886."

Brethren ministers in those days being more or less self supporting, David was also a farmer. He was called by the Brethren congregation at Auburn, IL, according to Gordon Bower's account, "but David met a man from Kansas while en route to Auburn. They traded farms, 'sight unseen,' David trading his Ohio farm for the East ½ SE ¼ of Section 33.9.20, Oskaloosa Twp, Jefferson County, KS..."

This trade, according to Gordon, brought Josiah, Henry, and others of the David Kimmel family to Kansas in 1864.

"At that time Kansas was still a sea of grass, the only trees being along the open streams where they were protected from range fires. There were few fences. As a boy Grandad [Henry] would stand atop the glacial boulder in McLouth, located on what is now Granite Street, and look out over the prairie grass in search of straying cattle.

"The streams ran clear then, and there were water holes in the creeks. Holes for swimming, holes for fishing. The McLouth townsite was in Indian Territory then. The Delaware Indian Reserve Line ran westerly from the Kansas City area at approximately 285 degrees, through the heart of what is now Union Twp... half a mile north of McLouth. There was



David Kimmel (1826-1897), Brethren elder

"Agriculture was still quite primitive then, for Grandad would tell of threshing by hand and beast. Barns had wooden threshing floors in the open areas in the center. Onto the floor were spread the stalks of grain. Horses were walked over the grain stalks until the kernels were pressed from the awns. After the stems were removed, the remainder was tossed or winnowed into the wind

Kansas must have been depressing," writes Gordon. "It was cold, so cold in fact that Lydia and Henry's first entry into the state of Kansas together was done by walking over ice on the Missouri River."

Back in Auburn, Martha Ann Kimmel married Clement Sylvanus Hummer in 1879, and they too moved to Kansas. Their first child was born at McLouth in 1880.

Josiah Kimmel, still single, was living in Illinois at the time of the 1880 census, which shows David and his family living in Chatham Twp, Sangamon County. David is a farmer, 54, born Ohio, both parents born PA. His wife Leah is 52, and they have 3 children living with them - Josiah, 29; Mary 20; and Rosa, 15.

Shortly after that, Josiah returned to the McLouth area where he married a Kansas girl, Margaret Magill, in nearby Leavenworth County in 1882, and took her back to Illinois with him. (Their first children were born in Sangamon County. However, by 1893 Josiah had purchased a farm north of McLouth.)

At the Kimmel home in Auburn, Mary Ann Kimmel married Andrew Wealand Whitmer in 1882. The Whitmers stayed a while in Illinois before moving south. Their first child, Earl, was born in Auburn in 1889, but the second, Ralph, was born in McLouth in 1893.

David and Leah's eldest child, Susan Riegel Kimmel, apparently stayed in Sangamon County. She married John William Black at Auburn in 1883, and their family seems to have remained in Illinois.

By 1886, David and Leah and the youngest daughter, Rose Ivy, had also left Illinois for Kansas. Rose Kimmel married Daniel W. Whitmer at McLouth in 1886. Daniel was a brother of Andrew. Rose and Daniel's children were all born at McLouth.

Leah Riegel Kimmel died at McLouth December 29, 1894, at the age of 66, of "muscular paralysis," a sickness which lasted about three weeks. She had requested and was given anointing by the elders of her church before her death. Hers was the first funeral in the new

little settling south of that line.

"The community center was 'Round Grove,' two and a half miles north of McLouth. At the Grove one could find a post office, a store, sometimes a school, and sometimes church. The building or buildings were presumed to have been on the northeast corner of that intersection.

"Farm produce, of grain and hay," Gordon continues, "was marketed in Leavenworth, for use by the military, for those were war years. It was a day's journey to the Fort, via the old military road... Kansas City was not an established market then..."

The Kimmels lived in Kansas only a few years the first time before moving to Sangamon County, IL, where David became minister of the Sugar Creek Brethren Church near Auburn in 1865. With a number of Brethren moving into Illinois from Pennsylvania and Virginia just before 1870, the church was doing well, with 17 members. "Isaac Neff was the elder and David Kimmel the minister," says p. 33 of *Church of the Brethren in Southern Illinois*.

The Kimmel family farmed nearby," writes Gordon Bower.

until the chaff was separated from the wheat." The Kimmels stayed in Illinois until the late 1870's.

In the 1877 Village and Country Directory for Sangamon County, IL, the family appears as: "Kimmel, D C (m5-3, Chatham, clergyman, 100 a., 531 elsewhere, r E line S28, Auburn A." Also residing with him are "Kimmel J" (Josiah), "Kimmel H" (Henry), and "Kimmel Miss E."

That year, Elizabeth Kimmel married Andrew J. Bowman in Sangamon County. The next year, 1878, Henry Kimmel married Lydia Bowman (Andrew's sister) at Auburn.

In 1878 the David and Leah's married children returned to truly settle in Jefferson County, according to Gordon Bower's narrative. Henry Kimmel and his wife, Lydia Bowman, brought their family to the Kansas farm the Kimmels had left 13 years previously. With them came the family of Lydia's brother Andy Bowman, who had married Henry Kimmel's sister Sarah Elizabeth Kimmel. (Lydia and Andy's sister, Mary Bowman Hickerson, brought her family from Sangamon County too.)

"Grandmother's first glimpse of

German Baptist Brethren church building at Ozawkie, KS, dedicated just the prior week.

*"Respected while living,
Lamented when dead,
Her sanctified spirit
To Jesus hath fled,"*

ends the "Memorium" written by Elder David Kimmel at the time of her death.

David later married a widow named Sarah, with an agreement that each would be buried beside their first spouses. She is mentioned in his will, but not in most family writings.

David Kimmel died at McLouth November 2, 1897. David and Leah are both buried in McLouth Cemetery.

Don Bower, when reminiscing about his childhood and all the Kimmel cousins close by at McLouth, used to say that as a youngster he could travel for six (?) miles in almost any direction and never be on any land that wasn't owned by Kimmels. He and his cousins played together, went to school together, and worked together, and he knew his aunts and uncles well. No wonder he always came back to McLouth for each Kimmel Reunion.



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GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS



Willard and Betty Kimmel Sampson married June 4, 1950

by Betty Kimmel Sampson



It was wonderful to have so many people to help us celebrate our June 4 fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 11. Our families, Marianne, Tom, Annette and Timothy McCoy, and David, Lee and Philip Sampson were all with us. Our church family and friends joined us at the morning worship service and carry-in dinner. Willard's brother and sister and their spouses from Michigan and Ohio were here. Jim and Mary Kimmel from McLouth, and Judy Kimmel from Topeka helped us celebrate. Tomlinson cousins from Topeka were with us also.

The morning worship service was led by Dr. Paul Hoffman, former McPherson College president, with a wonderful sermon on marriage. Annette McCoy sang "The Lord's Prayer" during the service. At the dinner she surprised us by singing "The Indian Love Call." Both songs were sung at our wedding 50 years ago.

Later in the afternoon was a wonderful open house and reception at our home at Cottonwood Lake, Sterling, KS. The house was swarming with people both up and down stairs as well as the deck and gazebo. It was a beautiful celebration.

Gordon and Betty Thornton Bower married June 3, 1950



Gordon and Betty Bower were honored at an open house at the Club House of Prairie Commons in Lawrence, KS, the afternoon of June 11, 2000. The party was hosted by their children, Merry Bower of Manhattan, KS., and Tom and Kerry Bower Chapman of Lawrence, KS.

Friends and relatives attending

were invited to bring along cards and items to be included in the couple's Memory Book, put together for the occasion.

Among the out-of-town Kimmels attending were John and Zelma Sanders of McLouth, Marlin and Irene McPherson of Oskaloosa, KS, Winnie and Bob Turner of Tonganoxie, KS, John and Mary Bower of McLouth, and Ken and Janice Tompkins of Columbia, MO.

"We didn't get much of a chance to visit, so many people were there at once," Betty writes. "We are still receiving cards in the mail."

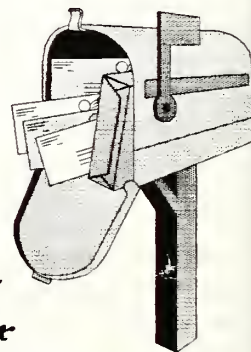
William and Mildred Landis Kimmel married March 12, 1950



In the April 2000 issue of *Brethren Messenger*, under "Wedding Anniversaries," is a simple listing: "Kimmel, William and Mildred, Ozawkie, Kan., 50."

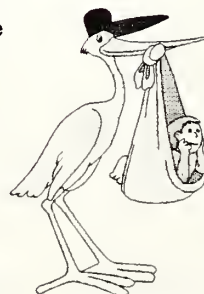
William Henry Kimmel and Mildred Marie Landis were married March 12, 1950. Their children are Marie Kimmel Moffet of Ozawkie, KS, Maria Kimmel West of Deerfield Beach, FL, Gloria Kimmel Montero of Morristown, TN, and Mark Allen Kimmel of White Pine, TN.

Bill and Mildred spent several years working for Brethren Disaster Relief after their retirement. Their work took them to such places as Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands as well around the U.S.



**Family
Mailbox**

JOSIAH KIMMEL



Marlin & Irene McPherson of Oskaloosa, KS., welcomed the arrival of a new great-grandson March 7, 2000. **Brandt Michael Fewins** is baby brother to two-year-

old **Chloe Fewins**. They are the children of **Scott Michael Fewins**.

The **McPherson** clan, Irene told us, had their own mini-reunion over Memorial Day week end. On Monday, May 30, ten McPherson first cousins and their extended families gathered for a breakfast in Lawrence.

Among the group were **Marlin & Irene's** five daughters -- **Gaylene McPherson Croker, Eileen McPherson Simmons, Marlene McPherson Priegel, Kathleen McPherson Argersinger, & Jolene McPherson Murphy** -- and their families; "all three" of **Leland McPherson's** children -- **Jerry McPherson, Carolyn McPherson Waterson, and Larry McPherson**; and one child of **Willard McPherson** -- **Jane McPherson Young**, I think, though my shorthand's more or less illegible on the name. "Nine-tenths of them were there," says Irene.

Irene also tells us that **Leland McPherson** is doing well, despite serious illness earlier. "He almost died," she says, "but herbal medicines helped him."

Don Kimmel of Placentia, CA, says his grandson is graduating from college the same week end as our reunion. Another family member is involved in a championship ball tournament that week end. However, we've heard that he and daughter **Lynda Shepard** are still trying to make it to the reunion.

MARTHA KIMMEL HUMMER

Pauline Duke wrote April 26 from Big Cabin, OK: "As to the picture **Bonnie Winters** sent in for identification, I am quite sure that the woman is **Mary Kimmel Whitmer**, and those are probably her two children she is holding. Don's wife should be able to identify them. My grandmother was Mary's sister...."

We have an April 27 note from **Melvena Hummer Hazen** of

Independence, KS. "I am writing to send you some money for the Kimmel newsletter for myself and my

daughters, **Lecieta Taylor, Sue Youngberg and Teresa Bell**. I enjoy the news and look forward to the next letter.

"I will not be at the reunion this summer but will be thinking about all the family being together. I stay busy with my family. I just spent a week in Lincoln, NE, with my granddaughter and her family.

"My grandmother: **Martha Kimmel Hummer**. My father: **Ollie Hummer**. Love to all."

Pauline Duke

e-mailed us

April 27 to say,

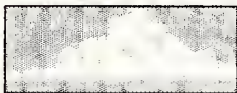
"Hope to see you at the reunion. **Martin** has had a stroke but it did not affect his speech, just his balance and left leg. However, he is progressing just fine, so that I think my daughter can come with me, and my son can stay with **Martin**. Or if he is doing well, we will all come."



Marvin Trout of Topeka, KS, wrote in May

and sent a check. "Enclosed should be enough to help with the subscriptions to the newsletter for me and also for **Tim Kimmel** of Scottsdale, AZ.... We enjoy the newsletter, and you do an excellent job of preparing it. Thanks again."

HENRY H. KIMMEL

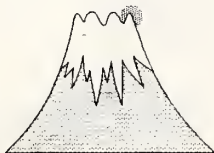


Anne Kruse Hayes of Lyons, KS, sent a note in April with a check. "Hopefully this will cover the newsletter for our family -- 7 -- **Vernon, Dick, Anne, Steve, Tom, Jeff Hayes & Shari Wiens**. Let us know if you need more..."



Notes from a phone conversation with **Virginia Bower Mason** of Stone Mountain, GA. The widely publicized tornado that hit downtown Ft. Worth didn't damage nearby Flower Mound, where Virginia's son **David Mason** lives with his family. However, Flower Mound had golf-ball-sized hail. **David & Gail** vacationed in Cozumel in mid-April, while Gail's mom flew in from Atlanta to babysit with **Courtney and Hope Mason**.

Jack (Randy) Mason of Kobe, Japan, reported that they are a



long way from Japan's news-making volcano, which is about 700-800 miles north of them. **Jack & Diane** and their three children will be using another round-the-world ticket to come home this summer to visit their families.

Bob Bower

sent a picture

postcard of East Kootenays early this summer from Cranbrook, BC. **Bob & Eileen** are RV-ing their way north. "Hi, all. Got this far. Heading on up Hwy 93 to Lake Louise next week end. Will go to Banff too. Then on north to Jasper. Weather raining.

"Lots of small towns to stop and look around. Lots of snow still on mts. Some only half a mile away. Threw snowballs near Ketchum, ID. Lots of animals: moose, elk, deer, fox, marmots, coyotes, antelope, eagles, etc. Lots of lakes, but little camping except in parks. Cats doing well."



Tom & Kerry Bower Chapman of Lawrence, KS, tell us they have plans for another big bike ride this summer -- this time around New Mexi-

co, including Los Alamos (or what's left of it). The Chapmans are enthusiastic cyclists and have done many similar trips.

Another picture postcard from **Bob Bower**, this one from Mt.



Assiniboine. "Hi again. Time to head north some more. Lots of rain and snow. We have been at a lake up high. Saw a black bear and deer. Heading to Lake Louise on Wed., then to Banff. Then Calgary, for food supplies.

"There are so many peaks here that have rugged tops and snow and glaciers on them. Colorado doesn't have everything. There are 40 some small lakes near here. Lots of large lakes too..."

Ken & Janice Bower

Tompkins of Columbia, MO, have been busy this summer but found time for a quick trip to Grand Junction, CO, for a Shaw family reunion (Ken's mom's people). **Ken** keeps busy turning out beautiful oak woodwork. **Jan** is learning to rotary cut and machine quilt and hopes to find





Mike & DeeDee's water garden in Missouri

.com> (Betty): "I am from the Kimble/Kimmels from VA. We have not yet proven our first Kimmel in America. Tim thinks that it might be a Johannes Nickolas Kimel on the ship the Brothers to Philadelphia Sept. 1754 aka John Kimble. Our Kimble/Kimmels are definitely musical also. Music was and still is very important to them. When I grew up I thought that ALL families were musical and felt it odd when I encountered a family not related that was not. There are many people who are Kimbles or descendants of

time to sign up for applique lessons next.

Mike & Deanna Tompkins of Columbia MO spent much of their spare time this spring developing their own private water garden. July 29 their fish ponds will be included in a tour by the Missouri water gardeners group.

Mike & Dee's son **Shaun**, 19, is transferring to Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, MO., this fall, where he will be a sophomore. Their daughter, **Cassie**, who celebrates her 15th birthday August 1, will be a sophomore at Rockbridge High School in Columbia.

Betty Kimmel Sampson of Sterling KS writes: "Later this summer, August 12, our son, **David**, and **Jane Orr** from McPherson, KS, will be married. We are looking for-ward to Jane's becoming a member of our family."



"We enjoy every Tuesday evening having supper at Little River with **Vernon Kruse**. David and Jane have been joining us also.

"We look forward to visiting with you and other cousins at the reunion."

THE KIMMEL CONNECTION: OTHER KIMMEL COUSINS

APOLOGIES from the editor for the absence of Tim Kimmel's Kimmel Column – Trying to get this issue out before the reunion put us on a short deadline, and I forgot to get word to him. We'll make up for it next issue.—Jan

Lois Ann McColium sent an e-mail back at the end of April: "Philip Kimmel (b 1756) was a brother of my ancestor **Isaac Kimmel**. Notes I have show **Philip & Drusilla Penrod Kimmel** having these children: **Philip**; **Daniel** 1792-1843 m. Catherine Hunsaker; **John Kimmel**, Baptist preacher, m. Polly Shroud; **George Kimmel** 1795-1868, m. Elizabeth (-1821), 2d Susanna Smith (-1822), 3d Elizabeth Christy (1805-1887) 14 children; Benjamin Kimmel; **David Kimmel** m. Prissilla Wood; **Mary Kimmel** m. John Penrod (12 children); **Catherine Kimmel** m. — Chrise; **Jane Kimmel** m. Samuel Penrod... I have more details if you are interested." <MoscarMcc@cs.com> Lois descends from Philip Kimmel (1724-1796) via his son Isaac (1769-1851) who m. Anna Musser; dau Anna Kimmel m. John Young Sheehy.

An e-mail March 29 from Betty Jane Kimble <mountroyal@erols

Kimbles that have recorded songs in WVA and also VA.

"My grandfather was a very gifted musician. He could not read music and never had a lesson yet he could play guitar, violin, harmonica, banjo and French harp. He only needed to listen to a song once and he could play it perfectly. He always played with his eyes closed so that he could HEAR the music. He was often asked by his sons and friends if he would teach them how to play. "Just listen to it and you will be able to play," he would say. I have many fond memories of sitting at Granddad's knees as a child while he played and sang for us..."

Larry Kimmell of Paxton, IN., e-mailed is May 25: "I also am a Kimmell as you see with two L's... My family gave me some information on the Kimmells and Kimmels. I was told the two L's were mostly a preference... I am interested in the Kimmel family history and would like to sign up for your newsletter. Please send any information...." Larry's address is <lkimmell@webworld.com> (lkimmell).

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2000 REUNION HELD AT LAWRENCE, KS;

2003 REUNION MAY BE IN CALIFORNIA

by Beverly Muzzy &
Jan Tompkins



Saturday evening supper at Lawrence. From left around the table: Betty & Willard Sampson, Beverly & Rick Muzzy, John & Zelma Sanders, Gordon Bower, Betty Bower. (In the background we recognize Fred Bower, John Bower, Sharron McGill, as well as Gary McGill's ear, Tim Kimmel, and the back of Ken Tompkins' head behind Bev Muzzy.

Kimmels attending the July 2000 Kimmel reunion began gathering Friday evening, July 7, at the Ramada Inn in Lawrence, KS. Gordon and Betty Bower, of Lawrence, hosted while assorted Kimmel descendants began setting up displays and laying out scrapbooks. By Saturday, activities were in full swing.

Saturday evening's meal and program at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Lawrence included a talent show and auction with auctioneer Judy Kimmel-Miller (mayor of Oskaloosa KS)..

Jim Peters treated us to a beautiful medley of hymns on his harmonica. Bill Kimmel shared his recollections about "The Old Church Bell," written by his father, Ray Kimmel. Bill's accompanied his singing with the sounds of church bells, which he created with a crowbar and his pocket knife.

Family branch stories were presented by Bill Kimmel (for Henry H. Kimmel); Don Kimmel (for Josiah Kimmel); Pauline Duke (for Martha Kimmel Sumner); Charlotte Davidson (for Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer); and Tim Kimmel (for the now-famous "Different Jacob Kimmel 805).

Bill Kimmel led the sing-along, with Winifred Turner

accompanying on the piano. Judy Kimmel Miller presided over the evening program.

During the service, many of us learned something about the McLouth Church of the Brethren, the home church of the McLouth Kimmels. Bill Kimmel explained that it had begun as a German Baptist Brethren Church. When the big Brethren Divide came, the McLouth church became two different churches in one house: Church of the Brethren, and Brethren Church. John Bower said he knew who was which, so when he baptized them, he would baptize them into whichever church they belonged to. Offerings were alternated

between the two groups. The church in McLouth was the only combined church of this type.

Our auction was a real surprise for everyone -- especially the committee. We'd given up on the idea because it seemed as though there was no one interested in participating. As it turned out, Vivian Black had brought her crafts with her especially for the auction. The crowd went wild over her pretty crocheted kitchen towels. Betty Bower had brought knitted doilies (she calls them dish cloths, but they're too nice for that...) To be given away, and Beverly gave them out "at random." When we realized we would have an

Her honor Judy Kimmel-Miller (Oskaloosa's mayor) checks details with Tim Kimmel and Vera Lahman during Kimmel Reunion 2000.



auction, most of the "doilies" were given back and put into the auction. Thanks to Vivian and Betty and those who purchased their treasures, the auction raised \$62.00 for our Reunion Fund.

"Keep the change – put it in the kitty," added \$62.00. Breakfast donations (Betty Bower's cinnamon rolls, blueberry coffeecake, apricot/ orange bread) brought in another \$12.50. Thanks to very generous contributors: \$136.50.

In addition, the family donated \$208.75 to Rudy Peine, who was involved in preparing the "party barn" for our Sunday gathering when his home burned. He and his family continued to prepare for us and provide a special experience for our Sunday service.

Attendance on Saturday was 61; on Sunday 80.

Marie Kimmel Moffet opened Sunday morning's worship and memorial service by playing "Dwell in My Heart," a song her grandfather, Ray Kimmel, had written when she was a child. She accompanied the group singing. Bill Kimmel led the congregation in "Faith of Our Fathers." Betty Ann Kimmel Sampson and Bill Kimmel led the group in singing "Standing on the Promises."

Vivian Black shared her beautiful voice with us, singing "My Most Precious Treasure." (Vivian says she practices singing while driving the tractor in the fields.) Her "hayfield practice" has resulted in a true delight.

John Bower conducted the service, using scripture from Psalm 1. His sermon centered on the importance of family and religion within the family unit. He shared his memories of his grandfather, Henry H. Kimmel,

Vivian Black sings during the Sunday worship & memorial service at McLouth.



and sang the closing hymn, "Nearer Home," a song Henry and Lydia had frequently sung many years ago.

Candles were lit and white carnations became a bouquet for

family members who have passed on since our reunion in 1997. Donald Kimmel Bower was remembered by his daughter, Janice Tompkins. Betty Ann Kimmel Sampson and Bill Kimmel shared their memories of their sister, Miriam Kimmel Kruse. Gary Conley's life story was shared with us by his wife, Florence Hummer Conley. Pauline Hummer Duke shared memories of Emmett Hummer. Pauline also offered a memorial tribute to Brandon Collins.

At lunch we scattered. Some headed for the shade tree, others to the gazebo. "Out-of-staters" got to experience a real (hot) July Sunday in Kansas.

Displays in Lawrence and at McLouth featured lots of family treasures, including a quilt, and precious memories in scrapbooks, wall charts, and photo albums. Betty Ann Sampson brought the chart she and her sister Miriam had created in 1979, which featured the Josiah and Henry Kimmel branches. It covered a floor on Saturday and a wall on Sunday.

At the Sunday afternoon business meeting, prizes were given to:

Oldest Kimmel descendant in attendance - this was shared by Leland McPherson (who had left just before our meeting) born Nov. 1910, and John Bower, born Dec. 1911.

Youngest Kimmel in attendance – Emily Hull, 15 months old.

Longest married – Bob & Winnie Turner, 54 years.

Most recently married – Ted & Lois Uihlein, 5 ½ years.

Traveled farthest to attend – Don Kimmel, of Placentia, CA. Second place went to the Whitmer family, also from California.

Most grand- and great-grandchildren – George and Vera Lahman. "28 I think..."

Three couples attending had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries in the past few months: Bill & Mildred Landes Kimmel, Willard & Betty Ann Kimmel Sampson; and Gordon & Betty Thornton Bower.

New officers:

*President, Judy Kimmel- Miller.
*Vice President (if the reunion is in California) Charlotte Davidson.
*Vice President (if the reunion is not in California) Marie Kimmel Moffet.
*Secretary: Jim Kimmel.

*Treasurer: John Bower.
*Newsletter Editor: Jan Tompkins

Treasurer John Bower reported that we are "in the black," thanks to donations, Kimmel Newsletter subscriptions, and money received for the meals. The group agreed to donate \$50 for the First United Methodist Church for the use of their Fellowship Hall on Saturday evening.

The next reunion will be held in the year 2003, place not yet determined. The planning committee consists of Jan Tompkins, Ritch Davidson, Merrilee Bower. Ex officio member is Beverly Muzzy. They plan to poll all Kimmels who receive the newsletter for opinions and suggestions regarding the date and location of the reunion.

Ritch Davidson will check on the possibilities of taking our show on the road and having our next reunion in Monterrey, CA. His first concern will be whether it is affordable. Please watch for the survey in an issue of your Kimmel newsletter and provide the feedback the committee is requesting. Other places considered included Somerset County, PA, some Brethren church camps, and Colorado.

After the Sunday business meeting, McLouth Kimmels led those who were interested to a variety of Kimmel family historic sites—14 of them north of town, two east of McLouth on Highway 16, and nine of them within the town of McLouth. Copies of the map and directory may still be available.

Among those attending were:

Henry & Lydia Bowman Kimmel family:

Doug West, Deerfield Beach, FL; Richard Kruse, Indianapolis, IN; Dick & Ruth Kimmel, Janet Kimmel Arvidson, Ryan & Hannah Arvidson, all of Gladstone, MO; Ken & Jan Tompkins of Columbia, MO; James & Ronda Sanders MowBray of Kansas City, MO;

Willard & Betty Kimmel Sampson of Sterling, KS; Byron & Anne Kruse Hayes of Lyons, KS; Merry Bower, Manhattan KS; Fred Bower, Gary & Sharron Bower McGill, Marilyn Griffin Bower, & Glenn Bower, all of Wichita, KS; Bill & Mildred Kimmel, Charles & Marie Kimmel Moffet, Matthew & Charlie Moffet, all of Ozarkie,



Saturday night singalong

KS; Jim & Linda Kimmel Peters, Megan Peters of Olathe, KS; Jim & Glenna Sanders Kaup, Hannah & Molly Kaup of Topeka, KS; Gordon & Betty Bower, Ellen Kimmel, Ted & Lois Sander Uihlein, all of Lawrence, KS; Jim & Mary Kimmel, James Kimmel, John & Zelma Sanders, Rick & Beverly Sanders Muzzy, John & Mary Bower, all McLouth, KS.

Josiah & Margaret Magill Kimmel family

Don Kimmel of Placentia, CA; Linda Kimmel Shepard of Laguna Beach, CA; Diana Grace Herz of Salt Lake City, UT;

Chris & Andrea Kimmel Lee, Andrew Lee of Kansas City, MO; Dr. Hobart H. Hull of Shawnee Mission, KS; Howard & Lorna Hull, Brian & Emily Hull of Wellsville, KS; Wilmer "Bill" Kimmel of Hutchinson, KS;

John & Karen Turner Pence of Manhattan, KS; Leland McPherson of McLouth, KS; Marlin & Irene McPherson of Oskaloosa, KS; John R "Bob" Kimmel of Kansas City, KS;

Patricia Kimmel, Sandy Turner, Bob Turner, all of Topeka, KS; David & Judy Kimmel Miller, Amanda Miller, Sam Miller, Alissa Reed & Malorie Reed, all of Oskaloosa, KS;

Clem & Martha Kimmel Hummer family:

Pauline Hummer Duke & Vivian Duke Black, both from Big Cabin, OK; Mary Hummer of Amarillo, TX; Florence Hummer Conley of Perryton, TX; Dean & Verlla Hummer Coughenour of Manhattan, KS; Tim Coughenour of Lawrence, KS.

Andrew & Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer family:

Lee & Sue Whitmer, Marge

Whitmer, and Lynn Whitmer Higgs of Modesto, CA; Ritch & Charlotte Whitmer Davidson of Roseville, CA; Lana Whitmer Cheatham of Aurora, CO.

"Different Jacob" Kimmel (1805) family

Tim Kimmel of Kimmel Road in Ft. Wayne, IN.; George & Vera Lehman of Eldorado, OH; Charles & Barbara Kimmel Beeghley, Shannon, Esther and Rebekah Beeghley of Baldwin City, KS; Justin Turner of Arcanum, OH.

Reunion notes on reminiscences about some Kimmel ancestors:

When Bill Kimmel spoke about Henry H. Kimmel, he recalled once calling him "Grandpa." The response: "It's 'Grandfather.'"

Bill also recalled that there was no "off season" in farming when it came to Henry H. If you weren't planting or harvesting or threshing, you were checking and repairing any equipment that needed attention. "When it was time to use it, it was READY."

Even in times of drought, Bill recalls, Henry hired men to cultivate the land and mow weeds. Even though he had no corn crop, he still had fodder to feed his cattle.

Henry died in 1948, a few months before his 95th birthday. "In the last 4-5 years of his life," says Bill, every Sunday would find H. H. on the front row at church – sound asleep."

Don Kimmel gave a biography of Josiah Regal Kimmel, who died two years before Don was born. Josiah came to Jefferson County KS at the age of 13. The family had moved first from Montgomery County, OH, to

Sangamon County, IL, before the move to McLouth. Josiah went to school at Round Grove, north of McLouth, and then finished school in Sangamon County, when the family moved back there around 1862.

Josiah later returned to Jefferson County and on January 12, 1882, he married Margaret Susan Magill of Leavenworth County, KS, and took her back to Illinois with him. In 1883 Josiah made his

profession of faith and joined the Brethren Church. He became a Brethren minister in 1885, following in his father's footsteps.

In 1893 Josiah and Margaret bought a farm 1 1/2 miles north of McLouth and moved there. They had five children, but only three lived: Walter J. Kimmel, Coral Ruby Kimmel McPherson, and Claude David Kimmel.

Josiah was a farmer as well as a preacher, and his "home was pretty, said Don. "The three farms he accumulated were very well kept and made more productive by using a red clover legume in a conservative rotation. As a citizen, a neighbor, a minister and a friend, Josiah R. Kimmel was all one could ask for, and he maintained the confidence of the community until his death."

Uncle John can remember him preaching in church, though John was only four or five years old at the time.

Josiah, called "Jess," died at McLouth March 25, 1917, at the age of "nearly 66." Margaret Magill Kimmel lived several years longer. "She was a good grandmother. "

Bill Kimmel recalled that Henry and Jess helped start the McLouth Brethren church.

Pauline Hummer Duke spoke about Clem and Martha Kimmel Hummer. Pauline is a granddaughter of Martha Kimmel, who was born 1858 in Ohio.

On a trip to Auburn, IL., from Ohio, David Kimmel traded property sight-unseen to a stranger (named Dickey) that he met on the train west. David brought his family to Kansas

stone house," says Pauline. Several years later they moved northwest of McLouth. Their 11 children were all born at McLouth.

While living northwest of McLouth, four of Clem and Martha's children were struck with tuberculosis within a brief period – Elmer, Charley, Harry, and Leah. The boys died in 1903, 1904, and 1905. The Hummers decided to move to a drier climate, so they burned the house near McLouth where they had had such terrible losses, and moved to the Panhandle of Oklahoma, not far from Follett, TX. Leah died in 1906, shortly after their arrival, but there were no more TB deaths in the family. The family bought land near Booker, TX.

Some of Pauline's memories of her grandmother involve "bread with sugar and butter." She remembers that when Grandma was dying of cancer, she read her Bible daily. Psalms 1.

Charlotte Davidson spoke about the two Kimmel sisters who married Whitmers. "In 1881, two brothers from Elizabethtown, PA, Daniel and Andrew Whitmer, moved to Auburn, IL, where they became acquainted with two Kimmel girls. Andrew Wealand Whitmer married Mary Anne Kimmel in 1882. Daniel W. Whitmer married Rose Ivy Kimmel in 1886.

After Andy and Mary married at Auburn, IL., they moved to McLouth, where they had a farm in the midst of those of other Kimmels, but they later moved west to El Dorado, KS.

Charlotte is a daughter of Earl Kimmel Whitmer, (Andy and Mary's son) and Edna McCrary, who moved to Modesto, CA. She didn't grow up knowing her Kimmel relatives, but this is Charlotte's fourth reunion. Don Whitmer (who used to sing at earlier reunions) was her brother. Marge, Don's wife, has been to many Kimmel reunions. Don's son Lee Whitmer, also at the reunion, has recent information concerning the family's time in El Dorado.

Tim Kimmel, the Kimmel genealogist, spoke briefly about his lineage, which goes back to "the other Jacob", who came about 1750.

The next note appears to be something that either Tim Kimmel or Janet Arvidson asked

for. He or she mentioned looking for a photo "by Foster" referred to in the McLouth Times, January 18, 1895. This photograph is of a Kimmel family reunion mentioned in the McLouth Times, and included "all 44" of those attending. When you're looking through boxes of photos, please keep an eye out for this keepsake!

Special note from Beverly Sanders Muzzy:

I want to especially thank Lois Uihlein and Rick Muzzy for all they did before and during our reunion to keep things running smoothly. If Rick hadn't jumped in and carried the ball, it would not have been the success it was. Janice Tompkins' efforts to keep everyone informed of reunion plans are much appreciated. –Beverly Muzzy.

PENCE RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR

by Lee Chaharyn ,
Publications Editor, NACUFS

East Lansing, MI, July 2000 – John T. Pence, RD, director of housing dining services for Kansas State University, and instructor in the university's hotel, restaurant, institutional management and dietetics programs, was honored with the Theodore W. Minah Distinguished Service Award by the National Association of College & University Food Services (NACUFS) at the association's 42nd national conference in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, July 25-29.

The Minah Award is NACUFS' highest honor. Originally established as the Distinguished Service Award in 1967, the award was renamed in 1973 to honor the first recipient, Theodore W. Minah. It is presented in recognition of outstanding and enduring contributions to the food-service industry and to the association.

Julaine Kiehn, immediate past president of NACUFS, presented this year's award to Pence.

In accepting the award, Pence said, "My long association with NACUFS has been rewarding, both professionally and personally, and I am deeply gratified by the friendships that have grown out of the professional collegiality fostered by NACUFS.

"The dynamic challenges of college and university food service have made for an interesting career. It's the people who have made meeting these challenges most rewarding – the people we serve, the people we work with, and the professional colleagues throughout the industry. Recognition by my

peers is the most significant of honors. I deeply appreciate being recognized with the Theodore W. Minah Award."

John Pence began his career at Kansas State University in September 1963 as a graduate assistant. He is now responsible for three dining centers serving more than 3000 students, food stores and processing operations, day care service, and a staff including 12 dietitians and 100 full-time employees.

Pence is also the administrative coordinator of clinical teaching in the coordinated undergraduate dietetics program and clinical laboratories in hotel and restaurant management.

During his career Pence has been instrumental in developing a coordinated model for teaching students in the dining facilities, implementing a single-source beverage contract, designing and constructing two dining centers, implementing training programs for all staff, promoting staff development, and employing physically and mentally challenged individuals.

He has served on numerous university boards, councils, and committees and now serves on the dietetics and hotel and restaurant management advisory councils.

Pence has received several industry awards: the International Food service Manufacturers Association Silver Plate Award (1987), National Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers' Doctorate of Food service (1987), and Kansas Rehabilitation Association's Employer of the Year (1980).

An active member of NACUFS for 26 years, Pence has served as the association's president (1987-87) and treasurer, and as Region VI president. He has served on numerous committees including terms as national conference co-chair and sponsorship chair, nominating committee chair, and professional development chair. Pence has authored articles for the association, edited NACUFS publications, received four Meritorious Service Awards, and served on the board of directors for 13 years.

Pence also takes an active role in his community. Currently, he serves on the Manhattan Convention and Visitor Bureau steering committee and the Manhattan Chamber of

Commerce board of directors (which named him Volunteer of the Year in 1995). He has also been active in the Riley County Senior Center, the Kansas Travel and Tourism Commission, the Kaw Valley and Kansas Dietetics Associations, the Kansas Home Economics and School Food Service Associations, and the Manhattan Human Relations Board. Pence has held leadership positions in the majority of these organizations.

The National Association of College & University Food Services is a trade association for campus dining departments at institutions of higher education in the U.S., Canada, and abroad. NACUFS is devoted to promoting the highest quality of Food service and supports its institutional and industry members with education, training, technical assistance and information, scholarships, and research.

John Pence is married to Karen Turner Pence (daughter of Bob and Winifred Kimmel Turner). Karen is also employed at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS; she is Assistant to the Dean of Human Ecology.

Karen is a granddaughter of Claude Kimmel and a great-granddaughter of Josiah Kimmel.

McGILL TAKES JOGGING SERIOUSLY

Sharron Bower McGill of Wichita competed this year in Wichita's annual River Run, and finished in a very respectable time: 61 minutes for the 6.2 mile course.

Her husband, Gary, sneaked us a photo of Sharron with her medal. "Everyone who finished got a medal," she says,

Sharron Bower McGill



downplaying the whole thing, as though everybody can actually run for 61 minutes...

Sharron is the daughter of Fred Bower and a granddaughter of Don Bower (whose specialty was the mile run in high school and college).

Hannah and Hanna: two Kimmel cousins

by Beverly Sanders Muzzy

Two cousins met at our reunion on Sunday. One's name is Hanna Arvidson – Les Kimmel's great-grand-daughter, and the other's name is Hannah Kaup – Anna Sanders Kimmel's great-grand-daughter.

Hanna lives in Gladstone, MO, and Hannah lives in Topeka. They're about the same ages (8 and 8, respectively) and really hit it off. They spent time together after the reunion at Hannah's grandparents' farm and are enjoying visiting via e-mail.

I think Hanna will probably come to McLouth with her grandparents, Dick and Ruth Kimmel, to visit, and Hannah will come to visit her grandparents, John and Zelma Sanders, at that same time. These girls have lots of fun in their future.

Seeing those girls together really made my day! That's what reunions are all about!

Kimmel Reunion Fund Report

by John Bower, treasurer

Kimmel Family Reunion Fund began the year with a \$451.93 balance. Deposits for newsletter subscriptions in January came to \$76.00; in February \$55.00; in April \$58.00; in May \$249.00. June receipts for reunion meals totaled \$681.00.

July receipts for subscriptions and reunion cash came to \$929.50, for a balance of \$2500.43 before payments out.

Items paid during July were: Donna Peine (meals) \$520.00. Gordon Bower (Ramada & church) \$258.68 Judy Kimmel-Miller (prizes) \$27.82. John Bower (Saturday night meals) \$663.85. Lois Uihlein (flowers) \$17.30. Beverly Muzzy (reunion organizing expenses) \$189.24. First United Methodist Church \$50.00.

Total paid out for reunion (above) \$1726.89, leaving a balance of

\$773.54. August receipts (subscriptions) totaled \$27.00. Balance \$800.54.

Peines send thank-you note

The week before the Peine family of McLouth, KS, were scheduled to serve the Kimmel Reunion's Sunday meals, Rudy Peine's house was destroyed by fire. They managed to feed the Kimmel bunch anyway. Some of the folks at the Kimmel Reunion passed the hat to help them with some of their loss, and we have a thank-you note from them:

"Thank you so much for your concern and your family's generosity during this time. I want to extend thanks to all of the Kimmel family reunion guests. Thank you again. - Rudy, Kathy, Ben & Hayley Peine."

RIEGEL GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER & WEB PAGES AVAILABLE

Carl Riegel of White Stone, VA, and James Reigle of Lewistown, PA, are editors of the Riegell Genealogy Newsletter, printed more or less quarterly, dealing with family history of the Riegel, Reigle, Riggle, Ragle, Rigal, etc. surname (including Leah Riegel's family)..

Issue #28 is due out October 31, 2000. Subscriptions are on a voluntary donation basis. Contact James Reigle, 433 South Grand St., Lewistown, PA 17044, (717) 242-0786 <jimr@acsworld.net>. Carl and Jim also published the book, *Riegell to Riggle* (May 1996, 660 pp, fully indexed, hardcover). "Our book is still available from either of us," they tell us. "Sale priced at \$40 each and we'll pay the shipping."

Web pages available for Riegel anquestors include:

Stefan Riegel <<http://members.aol.com/stefriegel/riegel.html>>

John L. Ragle <<http://jragle.chem.umass.edu/index.htm>>

Wendell Edwards (Riegel/Riggle newsletter) <<http://members.xoom.com/riegeld/newsletter.htm>>.

Virginia Peterson: <<http://pages.prodigy.net/dapeterson/>>.

Berks Co. PA Genealogical Society: <www.berksgenes.org>

A Kimmell Poet: John William Kimmell of Maryland

by Pat Thompson

Included in *Sesquicentennial Souvenir Program for*

Oakland, Maryland 1849-1999, published 1999, there is an article called "Writers of the Mountaintop." One of the writers mentioned, along with a copy of his poem, "My Letter to George Little," is John William Kimmell.

"John William Kimmell," it tells us, "was born in Deer Park on June 6, 1868, a son of the late Chauncey F. and Harriet Sinclair Kimmell. He was reared on a farm near Swallow Falls, along with his nine siblings.

"While a very young man, Kimmell began to work in the lumber industry, through which he developed a great love for nature and spent many hours in philosophic thought which he later transferred to poetry.

"He was known as the local poet, writing about the people and scenes of the country he loved. He died on July 19, 1949, a month before the town's centennial. His wife, Edith Kimmell Starkey, later published much of his work in a booklet titled "Memories and Moods of Verse."

The Garrett County Historical Society of Oakland, MD, has published a quarterly booklet, *The Glades Star*, since 1941. Over the years, that quarterly has included articles and poetry by John William Kimmell (1868-1949).

For more information, I suggest contacting Garrett County Historical Society at Post Office Box 28, Oakland, MD, 21550 (phone 301-334-3226). Carol Davis is the curator and could probably help with any questions.

The poem which appeared in the sesquicentennial souvenir program, deals strictly with the Oakland, MD, area, its people and places. A part of it appears below:

Oakland
Some Fifty Years Ago,
Written in 1916 by
John William Kimmell

MY LETTER TO GEORGE LITTLE
(Verse 4)

Then Totten kept a cheap cash
store,
And Wiseman sold the booze,
Then old man Bell had a saddler
shop,
And Kepner mended shoes,
Hessen owned a livery barn,
Down near the B & O
With Maroney and Martin on the hill,
Some fifty years ago...

As to John William Kimmell's family and how they tie in with

other Kimmells, I am not related to this line. However, I have found the following to share from the booklet, *Tall Pines and Winding Rivers*, by Benjamin F G Kline, Jr., about "Logging Railroad Era of Lumbering in Maryland," published in 1976:

"Totten A. Kimmell, one of 14 children of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey F. Kimmell of Somerset Co., PA., moved to Swallow Falls area of Garrett County, MD. Three sons and three daughters became involved in the Meadow Mountain Lumber Company:

*"Totten A. Kimmell, b. Sept. 25, 1879.
"Brother, J. William Kimmell.
"Brother, Daniel O. Kimmel.
"Miss Susan, Catherine, and Idella Kimmel, they took weekly turns cooking for t heir brothers and camp crews."*

From *Graves of Garrett County*, compiled by Youghigheny Glades Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Oakland, MD:

*"Chauncey F. Kimmell, 1839-1911.
Totten A. Kimmell, 1879-1978, buried beside Lucia M. 1878-1965."*



In this issue I'll deal with some of the accepted Kimmel history as presented by earlier researchers and family stories. Some documentation I've come across in the last year changes what we understand really happened:

PHILIP KIMMEL OF YORK COUNTY: Last year I presented the church records that show **Philip**, who many sources say lived in Darmstadt, actually lived and raised his children in Eich.

This year I'm questioning General **Anthony Kimmel's** letter that claimed Philip arrived at Belle Haven (Alexandria), VA in 1755 and accompanied Braddock's troops as far as Frederick, MD, and then went on to Bermudian Creek to join his brother **Valentine**.

"Auswanderungen aus Rheinpfalz und Saarland in 18 Jahrhundert," by Werner Hacker, lists the emigration records for the Palatinate. The list includes **Philip Kimmel** and his brother **Jacob**. It says **Philip** got his manumission (permit to leave) on April 19, 1755.

The year matches General Kimmel's claim. But the British troops left Belle Haven on April 18 of that year and moved on from Frederick May 1. The voyage across the Atlantic alone takes at least three months, so **Philip's** family couldn't have been in America to accompany the troops.

As comparison: **Philip's** brother **Jacob** got his manumission on March 9, 1751; Gimbsheim church records say he and **Valentine** left with their families for America on May 22, 1751; and Philadelphia ship lists say they arrived there on September 14, 1751. The time between **Jacob's** gaining permission to leave and actually leaving was over two months, and the Atlantic crossing took three months and three weeks. **Philip's** time line for his journey four years later was probably similar.

VALENTINE KIMMEL OF LANCASTER COUNTY: **Valentine** was a brother of **Philip Kimmel** and was said to have owned property on Red Run in (then) York County, and then purchased the property at Oyster Point, Cumberland County that his son **Philip** later lived on. Again, actual documents say otherwise.

Philip purchased the Oyster Point property on his own, not from his father. And **Valentine** was already on land in Greenwood Township, Cumberland (the part now Perry) County that he purchased in February 1755—months before his brother **Philip** arrived in America.

According to *Minutes of the Board of Property (Vol. 2, Series 3 Penn. Archives)*, it was **Adam Kimmel**, son of Philip's brother **Jacob**, who had warrant on the Red Run property (in November 1753) that was later assigned to **Philip**.

JACOB KIMMEL (wife Margaret) OF BERKS COUNTY and JACOB KIMMEL (wife Margaret) OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY: The former **Jacob** arrived in Philadelphia in 1750 and settled last near Orwigsburg, and the latter **Jacob** arrived in Philadelphia in 1768 and settled near Greensburg. Claude W. Unger, a descendant of **Jacob Kimmel** of Berks Co., did the original research on this family, and much of what has been circulated came from his research of church records.

On the list of this Jacob's children are **Johann Conrad**, born October 3, 1769, according to Emmanuel Reformed Congregation records at Petersville, PA, and **Johann Anthony**.

I found **Anthony's** birth record in New Bethel (Zion) Church records at Grimville, which gives his birthdate as April 12, 1769. **Anthony's** birthdate can be confirmed by his headstone in Perry County. That's only six months between births, making it impossible that both **Conrad** and **Anthony** were sons of **Jacob** of Berks Co.

Anthony's name appeared in this Jacob's will, so he was certainly Jacob's son. **Conrad**, however, did not appear in the will, and his baptism was not along the route that Jacob traveled.

It turns out that **Conrad** belonged to the other **Jacob & Margaret Kimmel** family, clear on the other end of the state.

This second **Jacob** came to Philadelphia in 1768 and first went north to Petersville, where **Conrad** was baptized and where it was this **Jacob** that appeared on a communion list for 1769 (and only that year). This was the year land opened in Westmoreland County, and Germans from the area where **Jacob** lived moved there. These Kimmels are associated with the **Altmann** family in Westmoreland County. The appearance of members of this same Altmann family at the same Petersville church and later at the church that this **Jacob & Margaret** attended in Westmoreland County is evidence they are the correct parents for **Conrad**.

UPDATE ON THE ADMIRAL

It looks promising that the House will pass the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (HR 4205), already passed by the Senate in July. It includes Sec. 537, "Posthumous advancement of Rear Admiral (retired) Husband E. Kimmel and Major General (retired) Walter C. Short on retired lists." This section was introduced originally by Senators William V. Roth Jr., and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., of Delaware, home state of Admiral Husband Kimmel's son Edward R. "Ned" Kimmel.

The resolution calling for advancement of Admiral

Kimmel's rank to four stars was narrowly accepted by the Senate last year, but dropped that year in negotiations with the House.

This year the sponsors are Congressman John Spratt (SC) for the House and Senator Ted Kennedy (MA) for the Senate. Passing this bill merely requests that the President advance the ranks, since that is his authority. Whether it actually happens will depend on President Clinton.

One can view the amendment online at <http://www.pacshiprev.com/page36html>.

The latest book produced in support of Admiral Kimmel is "*Day of Deceit; The Truth About FDR and Pearl Harbor*," by Robert B. Stinnett (c.2000, The Free Press, New York). Stinnett introduces information gleaned from documents recently made available to the public through the Freedom of Information Act.

And the movie "*Pearl Harbor*" is in production, with release date set for May 23, 2001, the week end before Memorial Day. Produced by Michael Bay and with special effects by Industrial Light & Magic. The first trailer can already be viewed on the Internet at <http://cinemenium.com/pearlharbor/>. Colm Feore will be playing the part of Admiral Kimmel.

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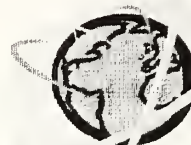
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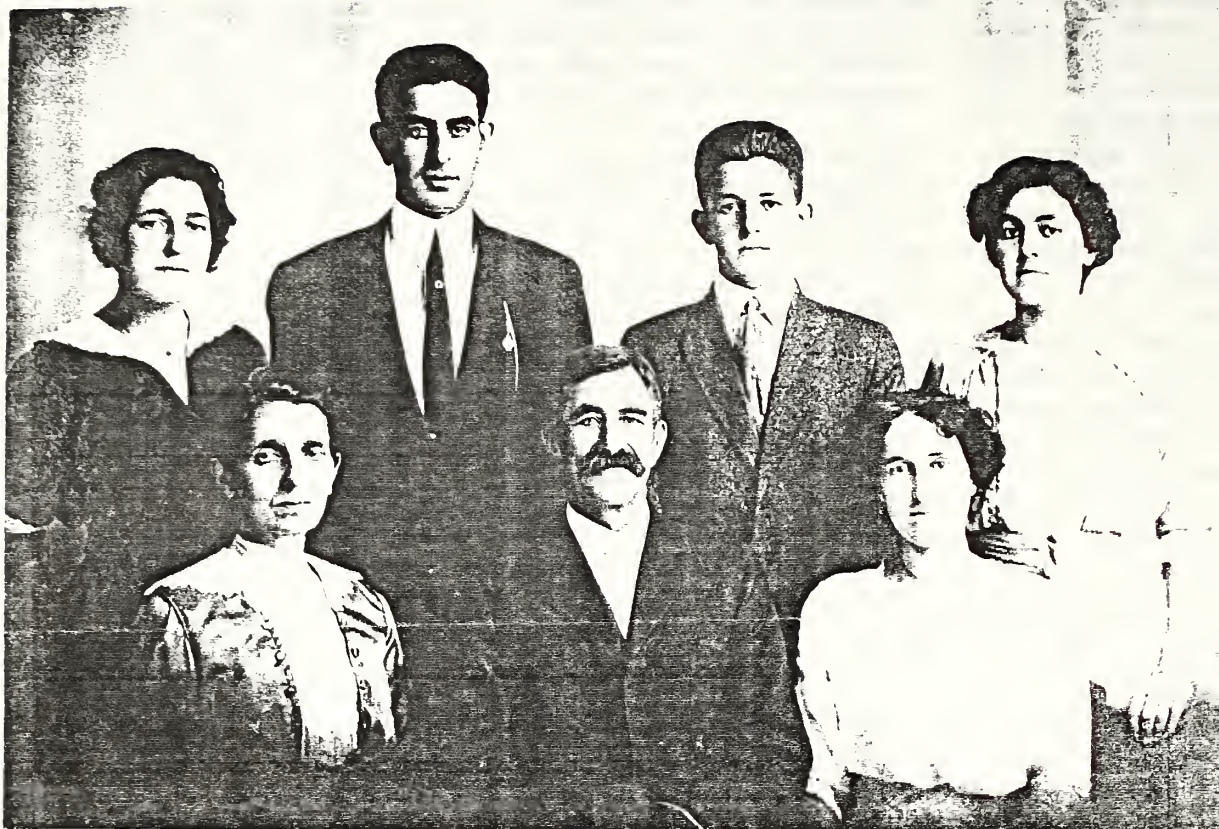
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This 1914 photo shows (front) Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer, Andrew W. Whitmer, their children Edith Whitmer Smith, (rear) Eva Violet Whitmer Rhodes, Earl Whitmer, Ralph Whitmer, Leila Hazel Whitmer Wilson.

in Kidder, MO, complete w legible name. Both **Violet** and **Lewelly** are included. "I have other Wooderson school class pictures, but without names." Another features a group of women with quilt they made, also with names, and the group includes **Edith Smith**

"I have two c grandmother's quilts that may have been made by this group of ladies. These two

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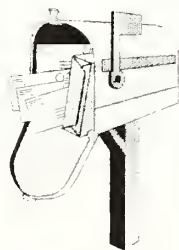
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family mailbox

Josiah Riegel Kimmel

Leland McPherson's 90th birthday is coming up November 11. If you'd like to send him a card, just send it to him at McLouth, KS, 66054. It should get to him with no fancier address than that.



Mary Anne Kimmel Whitmer

We have a May 8 letter from **Roger Christensen** of



Colorado Springs, CO: "I received a copy of the April 2000 KFN. I guess I have my cousin **Bonnie** to thank? I read with interest the article by **Bonnie Winters**. My mother, **Velma Smith Christensen**, is the sister of **Violet Smith Tomlinson** and **Lewellyn W. Smith**, as shown in the photo on page 4 of the April newsletter. The 'special occasion' for young **Violet** and **Lewellyn Smith** was graduation from high school in Kidder, MO. I have another photo with a caption under it telling of the graduation.

"I am now the 'keeper' of several old photo albums and a box full of genealogy/research papers that my mother had packed away.

"Mother is in the Hearthstone, a retirement home in Seattle. She was 89 May 4 and is the sole survivor of the **Charles Henry & Edith Muriel Whitmer Smith** family. Both my mother and father, **Wallace Christensen** (1908-1996) spent considerable time tracing their roots on both sides of the family. They were in McLouth several years ago (1979), just a week or two after a reunion, and talked at length with **Mary Bower** and her husband.

"Enclosed are a computer scanned and printed portrait of the **Smith** family, and a photo of **Charles & Edith** on their 40th wedding anniversary ..."

Roger also sent copies of a 1914 class picture of Wooderson school

pictures may be useful in identifying people in other 'orphan' photos...." **Roger** also sent along some **McClelland** and **Smith** information and a photo.

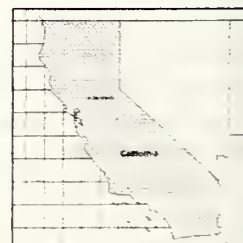
"There's no chance that we will be able to attend the reunion planned for this year. If I start planning now for the 2003 reunion, I may make it. We'll be sure to bring the photo albums and the other genealogy related papers. Hopefully, between now and then, I'll be able to sort through the collection and organize it so as to make some sense of it all. As I find things that I think might be of interest, I will forward copies of them to you."



Terri Cochran Phifer of Wichita KS sent a short e-mail October 29: "Obviously, one e-mail address is correct. I got this I ended up having to work the week

end of the reunion, so catch me up - California for the next reunion?"

A note from **Doug & Lynn Higgs** tells their new address in Modesto, CA. **Lynn Whitmer Higgs** is a daughter of the late





Edith Whitmer Smith family, 1929, the year Velma graduated from high school. (Front) Edith Whitmer Smith (1884-19976), Violet Smith Tomlinson (1908-1976), Mary Don Smith Sutley (1915-1997), Charles Henry Smith. (Back) Velma Smith Christensen (b. 1911) , Lewellyn Whitmer (1906-1976), and Hazel Edith Smith Kaufman (1909-1997). Photo sent by Roger Christensen.

something did go wrong, then it will continue going wrong even though you hoped you fixed it... Heading home now.

"No reverse in transmission, 3 blowouts (1 flat, 1 tread loose, 1 loud blowout), 2 bad rims, etc. We give up for now. Trying for Yellowstone. Near Missoula, MT..."

A more cheerful picture postcard, mailed

from Pocatello ID, on July 26 from **Bob** shows a scene from Yellowstone National Park:

"Hi, again. Well, we've been through Yellowstone and Jackson Hole. We are in Wyoming but going through a corner of Idaho. We are headed on home. We will stop in Las Vegas, go on home, and be back in Vegas by the 12th of August for **Pam's** baby's christening. Murphy's Law still prevailing, but we're still going...."



An August 30 picture postcard showing Lake Tahoe's east shore came from **Bob Bower**: "Hi again. Just got back from L. Tahoe. Nice

country. Spent 2 weeks. Home to stay for a while now. Got the motor home here without reverse. Lost the refrig. In Utah (on gas); overheated all the way home from St. George, UT, but it's here. Drove the car to Tahoe. Lots of work ahead getting new home ready & everything put away...."

From **Jack R. Mason** (an engineer with Caterpillar/Mitsubishi) of Kobe, Japan on August 11: "It's been a while since we have written, but we are still



Don Whitmer.

From **Lee Whitmer**, Modesto, CA, a note on August 25: "Some

corrections to an article in the 'Special Reunion Issue' of KFN: On page 3 there is a reference to **Earl Whitmer** being the first child of **Andrew & Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer**, and their second child being **Ralph**.

"The correct order of their children actually is: **Edith Muriel Whitmer Smith**, born 1/3/1884 in Auburn, IL; **Eva Violet Whitmer Rhodes**, born 11/27/1885, in Auburn IL; **Earl Kimmel Whitmer**, born 4/4/1889 in Auburn, IL; **Leila Hazel Whitmer Wilson**, born 10/23/1893, in McLouth, KS; and **Ralph Homer Whitmer**, born 3/9/1897, in McLouth, KS.

"Enjoyed the reunion and the opportunity to see everyone. Hope all is going well with you and your family."

Lee took photos of the people at each table at the dinner on Saturday night at **Gordon's** church. "If anyone wants a copy of any of these, let me know, and I'll send them. You

might have to name several people at your table, as I don't remember everyone's names. I can send actual photos or by e-mail, your choice, just need the appropriate address. My e-mail address is Lwhitmer@ainet.com; snail mail at 1117 Copper Verde Lane, Modesto, CA 95355.

Henry Harrison Kimmel



From **Bob Bower**, RV-ing in Canada this summer, a picture postcard of "Historic East Kootenays" mailed from Cranbrook, BC:

"Hi, all. Got this far - heading on up Hwy 93 to Lake Louise next week end. Will go to Banff too, then on north to Jasper. Weather raining. Lots of small towns to stop and look around.

"Lots of snow still on mountains. Some only 1/2 mile away. Threw snowballs near Ketchum, ID. Lots of animals-moose, elk, deer-fox, marmots, coyotes, antelope, etc. Eagles.... Lots of lakes, but little camping except in parks. Cats doing well."



Another picture postcard from **Bob Bower**, this one of Lake Louise in the Canadian Rockies, mailed July 3: "Been here again. Cold, raining, cloudy.

Murphy's law of perpetual motion: if

alive. We are starting our third year here in Kobe, Japan.



"We have a great church with people from all over the world who love the Lord. We have good friends, though they do tend to move away quite often, but then new ones come. The Japanese people are very good to Americans. The transportation system, with trains, buses, etc., is the best. Crime is very low. The Canadian Academy where the kids go to school is very good—very difficult but very good. Tiff is 14, a freshman; Jess is 12; Aaron is almost 10. They are all about as tall as Diane.

"Work is quite a challenge with 20 Americans and 150 Japanese, and we do tend to have quite different objectives, but I learn much.

"Diane teaches English conversation at the Lutheran Seminary to a volunteer class of about 5 or 6 once a week. She volunteers at the Fo-reign Residents Information Office. She takes Japanese lessons and has a great time shopping. She does a lot more also.

"Days are a little longer here. I get up at 5 a.m., catch a train at the bottom of the hill by 6:42, and am at work by 7:25. I leave work at 5 p.m. and am home by 6 p.m. I get more exercise as there is a 15-minute walk from the train station to work and a 10-minute walk up the hill to our house.

"Kids have much homework, so their days are longer too. They get up at 6 a.m., catch a bus at 7:10, and are at school by 8:20. They return home by 4:30.

"The Lord has been very good to us. He has allowed Diane and me to work with the youth (5-7, with 3 our kids) at church. We teach Sunday School/Youth Group in Rokko Island in the morning and Sunday School/Youth Group at the YWCA at Nada in the evening. Diane leads music in the morning.

"Jess, Tiff & Diane are in the choir in the evening. I teach English conversation to a group of four and one every week in the morning at work. This gives excellent time to witness also.

"Diane and I had opportunity last spring to lead Growing Kids God's Way class with three neighbor families. Two of the families are not Christian, so there was an excellent time to share God's word. Several families in church have asked us to lead the GKGW class for them this fall. We also want to continue ministering to our neighbors. So opportunities abound.

"Sundays are a little long, but good though. Get up at 6 a.m., leave by 7:30 a.m., breakfast at Starbucks. Sunday School at 9:15, worship at 10:30. Finish putting away chairs, counting money, etc., by 1:00 p.m. 3 p.m. choir practice, 4 p.m. Sunday School, 5:15 evening worship service, 8:30 p.m. home.

"The kids start school a week from Monday. They are ready to see their friends, but likely not to study. They have been enjoying going to the neighborhood pool every day, after watering plants/yards (and feeding 2 cats) for five neighbors who have been on vacation.

"We praise the Lord also for opportunities to travel and see His

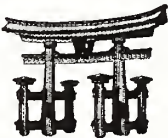
creation. A round-the-world ticket is cheaper than a one-way ticket from Japan to the States, so we take advantage. We had home leave from June 10 through July 17 this year—five weeks.

"We spent two days seeing as much as possible in London. We saw quite a bit, taking the tube. Then we rented a car and drove from London to Edinburgh, Scotland, 400 miles in a day, stopping at a Cat plant in Leicester. We shopped Edinburgh a day and then flew to the USA.

"We had three days in Disney World in Florida, four days in Atlanta with Mom, power shopping for everybody's clothes for a year (it's less expensive). Then we visited my Grandma and Great Uncle/Aunt in McPherson, KS, for about a day, before flying to Chicago. We rented two rental cars, and I drove to Peoria for a Caterpillar seminar, and Diane took the kids to the dentist and then visited her folks in Decatur, IL. We met up in Peoria, where we visited friends we knew from Kobe and I worked. Then back to Chicago area to stay with our good friends and celebrate 4th of July, church, and doctors' appointments.

"After 10 days in Illinois, we went to Seattle, and then on to Vancouver, where we had some vacation. We enjoyed a cruise to the Alaska inland passage. We visited Juneau, Haines, Ketchikan, Skagway, and saw the Hubbard Glacier. We enjoyed the time to marvel at God's creation, shop, watch whales, see a lumberjack show, have a salmon cookout, and eat great food. Then back to Kobe.

"I hope this hasn't bored you. We don't think life is boring at all. Tell us about your life. Love in Christ." <jackdi@gol.com>



On August 7, Jack e-mailed us from Japan in a note headed "earth shimi": "We had a little earthquake here that you likely saw on the news, but no big deal, at least where we are in the Kobe area. It is the largest earthquake in the area since the big Kobe earthquake some 6 years ago. It was about half a minute to a minute long, where we had quite a bit of side-to-side movement, especially on the fifth floor at work. You can see in the stairways in the wallpaper some small cracks.

"It does sound like further away, where the center of the quake was, it did more damage—about 600 houses damaged. The earthquake on our Friday at about 2 p.m. is only the second one we felt since moving here. The kids were at school, Diane was with the ladies at the club, and I was at work. None of us went for cover, just sort of sat and waited for it to pass. The Japanese who had been through the Kobe earthquake were a little more nervous.

"Today was Sportsday and Aaron's birthday. He is now in the double digits: 10. The Lord is good to us. No big deals to write home about."

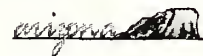


An August 14 note from John Bower of McLouth, KS: "It has turned hot and dry here, as I expect you know. Corn is pretty well made, but soybeans will need more rain to make a good crop.

"Mary and I traded cars last week. Our car was the best we ever had, and

was still running good, but it had over 90,000 miles. Also, we have bought a scooter ("Rascal") for shopping and such. We even ride it to the garden, where tomatoes are doing well (I water them). So we traded for a '98 Plymouth Voyager minivan. By removing the back seat, we can run the scooter in without taking it apart, which is harder than the salesman would lead you to believe.

"Mary had her second eye operation today. The doctor ground the lens back to normal thickness, so light can get through. All seems to be going well. She said it didn't hurt much, but a minor operation is one on someone else. My cataracts are not far enough along to warrant surgery, they tell me. We trust this finds you well and happy."



A Sept. 4 e-mail from Bob Bower: "I am home and alive and well. That's great news, isn't it? Lots of travel news, not all of it was the disasters on the motor home. Saw lots of wild life and scenery. We went up through Nevada on Highway 93 into Idaho, to British Columbia, over to Alberta, then back through Montana, just ahead of the forest fires, then to Yellowstone and the Tetons, back through Wyoming to Utah and Las Vegas, then on home.

"Quartzsite was hot, hot, hot. Around 115 to 120 degrees. We stayed 4 days and went to Lake Tahoe, CA, then came back home at the end of August. It is still 105 degrees or so every day. We are pretty much moved into our new home now. I still need to get my tools and sculptures straightened up.

"The VW Bug started right up too. The trails are in rough shape from the heavy rains we got just before we got home. We had water in the Tyson Wash (our almost stream that's 1/2 mile wide in places). First time we had seen any. Even mosquitoes, too...."



A note the next day from Bob adds, "Our trip: We did not get to Alaska, but halfway was nice...."

"We visited Panaca in eastern Nevada and a small park. The park was a small version of Bryce Canyon—very hard clay eroded into columns. You could walk into and around inside formations like organ pipes. Some were 50-100 feet high, some were hollow. I liked it. Neat place...."

"We have had a park pass for several years. Sure beats paying \$20 every time you go to a park. We went in and out of the Grand Canyon for a week without paying. got mine in Colorado. It also is handy at campgrounds in national forests. Half price camping. We used it at Glacier National park, Yellowstone, Zion National Park, Mesa Verde, and other places too. Sure makes a difference in spending

money."

Kathy Bower (Mary Katherine Bower) of Phoenix Az, e-mailed us from <mary_bower@hotmail.com> Sept. 20:



"I wrote you a real long e-mail and somehow lost it. It's taken me a while to get back with you on it...."

"It's sooo hot here this summer. I think I've just felt it more this summer..."

"I've seen the picture of **Mike & DeeDee's** water garden and also the house that is attached. They just amaze me! I mean that: they just amaze me. It's beautiful. Aunt **Marilyn** took some pictures of their house and showed them to me the last time I was there.



"Wendy & Diego's" new baby is supposed to be a girl, and she is due in February

around the 16th.

"[Wendy] is still going to a charter school here. It is her last year. It has been really tough on her. Not the school, just finding someone to babysit **Baby Diego** so she can go. **Big Diego** applied for a nighttime job at WalMart so she could go and no strangers would be watching **Baby Diego**.

"**Shawn** is taking two classes at Glendale Community College. I'm so excited for him!...."

Beverly Sanders Muzzy sent an e-mail Sept. 21: "Just a

quick note. **Zelma** had hip replacement surgery yesterday, and all went well. The worst is behind her. She has lots ahead, with therapy, etc. She's looking forward to walking without the pain! Thank for your well wishes and prayers..."



Another e-mail from **Kathy Bower** of Phoenix, AZ, September 24, bringing us up to date

on her family: "...**Shawn** and **Wendy** just had another birthday. **Shawn** is 22, and **Wendy** is 18. **Shawn** has a girl friend named **Shawna**. He lives with her family. **Shawna's** birthday is Monday, and she will be 19... **Shawn** has been teaching **Shawna** to drive. I showed **Shawn**, and I figure he can teach **Wendy**, kind of as a pass-on-the-favor. I want to say "Hi, everyone...."

Virginia Bower Mason of Stone Mountain, GA, flew to Kansas City in late September for a visit with her "little" sister **Jan & Ken Tompkins** in Columbia, MO.



Their niece, **Sharron Bower McGill**, **Sharron's** dad, **Fred Bower**, and sister-in-law **Marilyn Bower**, all drove over from Wichita, picked

Virginia up at the Kansas City airport, and drove on to Columbia. (We hear that the group was a tad late, so nephew **Glenn Bower**, who lives at nearby Olathe, KS, was at the airport to tell **Virginia** her ride was on the way.)

Activities during the four days of visiting in Missouri included the traditional "mandatory Bower paperback book exchange," several dynamic shopping trips in Columbia, an afternoon visiting Missouri's Amish country (more shopping!), "lasagna" gardening and bulb planting (with **Marilyn** doing most of the actual work), plus lots of eating out, and making a baby quilt top for **Fred's** anticipated new great-granddaughter (due in February). **Marilyn** promised photos of the quilt-designing committee.

From **Jack "Randy" Mason** in Kobe, Japan, a September 26 e-mail: "Greetings from Japan!"

"It's been quite crazy with work, school, etc. We are ready for another vacation already. But that will be soon enough in Australia this December.



Saturday we went to see **U-571**. It was a good movie, but the German was a little difficult in the start of the movie, since the subtitles were in Japanese!

"**Jessica** made A-team volleyball for middle school. We went with the team to Tokyo last week end. Wednesday, the middle school class goes to Green Echo Kasagata Mountain Camp through Friday...Wednesday **Diane** works at the community center on Rokko Island.

"Friday we have the Deacons and wives over to our house for a Deacons' meeting. Saturday we have church picnic up the mountain from Kobe, and I have games. Sunday school and church AM & PM Sunday.

"Monday, clean the house. Tuesday we host a potential Caterpillar family coming to Japan.

"Hey! We got to see the opening of the Olympics live, and guess what? A first...before you did in the States. Since we are here, we can root for both America and Japan, but have actually not watched too much.

"October is almost here. Today was the first day we might almost consider turning off the air conditioning at night.

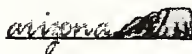
"Work is busy with international meetings. We have much fun designing for 7 different plants to manufacture world wide...."

"I went golfing the second time in my career a month ago with our division engineers. I shot 190 for 18 holes. That would make me last place. But I had fun. Only the Japanese would put up with a golfer as bad as me. I was paired with the best golfer in the division.

"When you play golf in Japan, it is an event. You leave at 6 a.m. and get to the course at 8 a.m. in the mountains, appropriately dressed with a suit jacket and nice slacks. Then you practice a bit, take a group picture, have the department managers tee off together with some smoke-type balls. Then 9 holes lunch, then 9 more holes, shower and *onsen* (community hot bath), then shower, dinner, prizes for everyone, and leave for arrival back home by 8 p.m.

"**Tiffany** is grown up a bit, since she is a sophisticated freshman in high school. She is studying harder and making A's and B's now. **Jessica** is doing well and works very hard. **Aaron** is doing OK, but is getting more work and projects. His birthday is October 7. Sports Day at school. All the kids do various team games, where the younger work with the older (first grade through . It is about a half day. Official sports day is October 10, and by design (statistically it does not rain on that day), it does not rain on that day. We will celebrate later October 7.

"October 8, Sunday, we will go on the *Concerto* with all the Caterpillar families. That is the ship that takes you from Kobe to the Akashi bridge and back...."



Bob Bower e-mailed us October 9

and 10 to tell us he and **Eileen** are back in Quartzsite for the winter.

"This is our first day with the temperature under 100+ degrees. How are you doing? We are pretty well moved in now..."

The next day: "Winter (or was it fall?) arrived this a.m. at 5:30. It rained hard for 10 minutes and only got into the 80s. Very windy too. Glad to hear you had a good time hosting the clan. I'm not going anywhere until Thanksgiving time (Las Vegas).

Another e-mail from **Bob Bower**, once again at Quartzsite AZ, on October 16: "Cool weather, 80's leaving. Back to 90s.

"Got my metal awning up finally. Did most of the work myself. I parked the van under where it would go and put the 33 ft. main horizontal front edge on top. Then I fitted the uprights to that with clamps, and put a few top panels in place to hold the whole thing together, then started putting the rest of the thing together. " One of the other guys came and helped put top panels on the last half. I still need to add 4' to cover the work area completely. My tools are in there.

"Not much else going on. A few Bug rides around the area. We went about 20 miles south on the old Yuma Road one day. It is ok for 10 miles or so, then becomes desert. You have to look for the grading of where they built the road. Trees are growing in parts. The last miles were on the Yuma Proving Grounds land. They still use the southern

parts to test cannons and shells, mines, etc. Not up where we were (I hope)....."



From
**Robert
& Betty
Kimmel**

of Ft. Myers, FL: "I'm not sure where I stand on my yearly dues, so am enclosing a check.... Please send a copy or two to **Carl Kimmel** [address above] of Billings, MT. I met them in church last week. They are visiting relatives here."

Hannah Kaup's name wound up in the *Topeka-Capital-Journal* back in June, during their Year of the Kansas Child observance. Her name was one of those entered for Youth of the Day, thanks to this nomination by **Glenna & Jim Kaup**: "We're



nominating our daughter, **Hannah Kaup**, 8, for Youth of the Day. She is in second grade at Whitson Elementary, where she belongs too Math Club and participates in the talent show and Science Fair.

"**Hannah** can be quiet and reserved, but she is also very brave and not afraid to try new things. Because of her bravery, she can do an exquisite back dive into the pool. She can do cartwheels, round-offs and splits with precision. She participates in piano recitals and school talent



Bill Kimmel, Don Kimmel, Winnie Kimmel Turner, Lynda Shepard

shows without any sign of stage fright.

"She is also very kind and thoughtful. When she can only invite one friend home, she's careful not to hurt other children's feelings. She's very concerned for family and friends she loves. She's a good friend and so she has wonderful friends. She'd like to be a teacher someday, and she enjoys helping her five-year-old sister, **Molly** with her reading and math.

"**Hannah** is every parent's dream -excellent student, polite, friendly, loving, brave and beautiful inside and out. We'd like the world to know how proud we are to have her for our daughter."

other Kimmel cousins



From **Eleanor Robique** of <crobic@dnvr.us west.net > an April 5 note: "...I

wish that I could attend your reunion, but Quartz Creek Property Owners Association of Pitkin, CO, always has its annual meeting on the 4th week end. My husband is on the board (secretary), and even though we are trying to get someone else to take the job, he is still on call...

"Thanks for taking time to do the Kimmel News. I will be in Indiana around the 6th of May.. I have hopes that I can get [Tim] to drive to Albion

from Ft. Wayne (25 miles) to take photos of **Adam Kimmel's** (notice the double L) headstone.

"This **Adam** was married to **Elizabeth Bowers** of Canton, OH. think that his brother **William** was married to **Mary Bowers**. At any rate, the obit from the *Albion New Era* on Adam said he was the oldest man in town and veteran of the war or 1812...



From **Frances & Hobart Kimmel** of Dayton, OH... a note "Sorry we did not

make it to the reunion this year. Unfortunately, had we planned to come, we couldn't have as our van ended up in the shop. It died suddenly at my brother's in Brookville (luckily), had to be towed home then to garage next day. Nothing open late. The starter had to be replaced. That's the way our money goes. Also had to get a new wash this week. Did without for several days and kinda went back to olden times. Did some laundry by hand. Oh, my! Got by though makes a person appreciate all the conveniences. Saw **Vera Lahman** Thursday, said they enjoyed being there. Hope this find everyone well. We are reasonably so. **Hobart** mowing today. Must get moving, lots to do today. Should be doing beans. Will later, I guess. Lovingly.."

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Henry Kimmel developed 'Kimmel Corn'

from the biography of Henry
Harrison Kimmel by Gordon Bower

Henry Harrison Kimmel, a son of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel, was the most prosperous farmer of his time in Jefferson County, KS, and his farming success made him something of a local legend.

Following are some selections from a biography written by his grandson, Gordon Bower of Lawrence, KS.

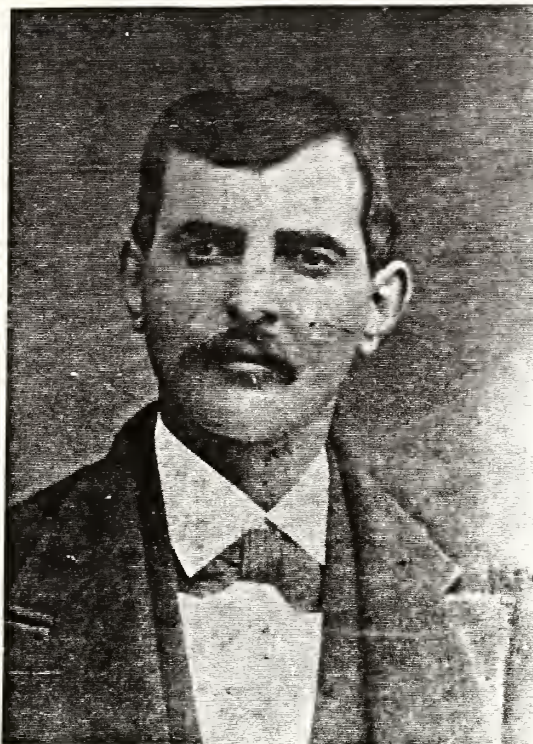
Corn was the staple crop in Henry's agricultural success. The seed was brought from Illinois. By careful selection, year by year, he created his own type of corn. He wanted a heavy ear on a strong stalk. His corn was different, so different that his neighbors called it "Kimmel Corn."

Kimmel Corn gained wide acceptance. The corn was of such quality that it had the acceptance of merit on the Kansas City Board of Trade. Louis Carnahan, a near neighbor, said in jest that his corn never did well because Henry's corn was so big and tall that it always shaded Carnahan's crop.

Henry Kimmel was known as the "Corn King of Eastern Kansas" because of the quantity and quality of his production. One year—maybe more—he produced more corn than any other farmer in Kansas. He built huge cribs to house his yields—some at home and some in town by the railroad.

During the "Corn King" period, Henry farmed 640 acres adjoining Site 8, the Ray Kimmel farm being a part, on the Historical Map. Some of the fields were more than six miles from headquarters. During corn harvesting season, the huskers drove their teams from Site 15 (Sanders' farm) to Site 8 each day and returned each afternoon heavily laden.

Many tales have been told of the Kimmel corn shuckers. Up very



Henry Harrison Kimmel (1853-1948)

early—Mother told of rising at 4:00 a.m. to start breakfast. After breakfast, the way Mother told it, away the corn shuckers went on the run in the dark to the fields. Their route led through the town of McLouth. Those wagons, rattling on frozen ground, made noise sufficient to wake a slumbering town, I'm told, which caused much consternation and dismay.

There are stories of corn cultivation. Cultivating was done by a two-horse team, a man, and an Avery one-row tongueless walking cultivator—an implement so simply made that the removal of one bolt or pin would allow the entire contraption to fold together. More than one hand watched in dismay as his cultivator fell in a heap when the pin became dislodged.

In management he had few peers, overseeing diverse and scattered operations at the same time. Threshing, haying and cultivation might be occurring at once.

He was gentle. He called his men by their Christian names, never by nicknames. Because of his reputation with his men, it seemed he could always find hands. But he was also firm. One of his former employees

once told me this anecdote. The employee was cultivating corn, doing only a so-so job. Henry saw the work and made this comment: "Cultivate the corn. If I wanted the ground scratched, I'd give you a harrow."

Lack of formal education did not deter Henry from learning. For example, in his efforts to learn more about the land he used, he studied such diverse topics as geology and legumes. He practiced crop rotation before the Agricultural College disseminated that advice. Red clover and organic fertilizer were the pillars of his soil quality program—even when the land was still new.

As Grandfather's life span drew to a close, he must have been aware of the end, for his last words seemed prophetic. As I recall, the last words my mother heard from her father were: "The job is done; put the tools away."

A few poems by Henry's wife:

WEDDING DAY, DECEMBER 29, 1878

Get out your nice felt bonnet
With a white plume on it,
When over mounds of snowdrifts
They took us into Auburn
On our really and truly wedding day.
Elder David Vaniman
Performed the ceremony.



Lydia Bowman Kimmel (1858-1947)

He tied the knot so hard,
That it never can be broken.

— Lydia Bowman Kimmel

MY HUSBAND

My husband has a grouch sometimes.
He's 90 years, you see.
But then he seems to think
That I should always cheerful be.

Forenoons he just reads and sleeps
Until it's time for tea,
Then after lunch downtown he goes
To meet his friends under
Knowledge Tree.
And then they have a grand good time
A-swappin' yarns, you see.

And then sometimes when he's down
there
And I'm at home alone,
I wish that he would think of me
And bring me an ice cream cone.
— Lydia Bowman Kimmel

OUR CHURCH (THE ELM TREES) to the grandchildren

One day when Henry Kimmel
stood looking all about the lawn,
He saw there was something lacking;
the answer came to him:
IT IS THE LACK OF TREES.

Then after that one morning
out to the barn he went.
He put the harness on old Sis;
she was the buggy horse, you see,
And hitched her to the buggy,
and then, equipped with pick and
spade,
He crossed the hills and valleys and
over rocks and rills,
Old Sis, trotting merrily along,
As happy as could be,
Until they reached the Hosford Place,
the road was rough and steep.

And when he reached the bottom,
He had to ford Prairie Creek.
He straightway went across to Kimmel
pasture land,
And there equipped with pick and
spade,
He dug the long straight saplings
And planted them all around the
church.

And now we behold them in their
majesty.
They rear their lofty tree tops
far above the church house spire,
The branches interlacing overhead,
a beautiful sight to see.

And we here in our little home
enjoy the wondrous scene
With nothing but a grassy lawn
a-lying in between.

And now to you, his grandchildren,
when you behold these lovely trees,
Remember they stand here—
Living monuments of your grandpa's
Grit and energy.

— Lydia Bowman Kimmel

Family names appear in 1899 Jefferson County KS Directory

Listings from the "Historical and
Statistical Directory of Jefferson
County, Kansas.." published in 1899
include some familiar sounding
names.

Union Township's town officers in
1899 included **D. W. Whitmer**,
Trustee.

The 1899 list of six churches for
Union Township (pop. 1503) includes:
"Dunkard, **J. R. Kimmel**, pastor."

Residents of the township (which
included McLouth) that year include
our own:

"**Bowman, J. H.**, hardware," who was
John H. Bowman, brother of Lydia
Bowman Kimmel and brother of
Andrew J. Bowman, who married
David Kimmel's daughter Elizabeth.

"**Bowman, A. J.**, merchant," Andrew
J. Bowman, married David & Leah
Kimmel's daughter Elizabeth; Andrew
was Lydia Bowman Kimmel's brother.

"**Bowman, A. S.**, 280." Abraham S.
Bowman, who farmed 280 acres that
year, was husband of Ida Whitmer,
and was yet another of Lydia's and
Andrew's brothers.

"**Bowman, Harry.**" Harrison Bowman,
youngest of Lydia's and Andrew's
brothers.

"**Hummer, C. S.**, 160." Clement
Sylvanus Hummer, husband of Martha
Ann Kimmel, was farming 160 acres in
Jefferson County in 1899.

"**Kimmel, H. H.**, 1240." Henry
Harrison Kimmel, the most prosperous
farmer of the area, farmed 1240 acres
that year..

"**Kimmel, J. R.**, 200." Josiah Riegel
Kimmel was farming 200 acres in
1899.

"**Whitmer, A. W.**, 330." Andrew
Wealand Whitmer, who was married
to Mary Anne Kimmel, was farming
330 acres that year.

"**Whitmer, D. W.**, 120." Daniel W.
Whitmer, Andrew's brother, was
married to Rose Ivy Kimmel and
farmed 120 acres that year.

(Ignoring the Bowmans, that makes
2050 acres directly under the control
of David and Leah Kimmel's children
at that time.)

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A Visit to Kimmel Ancestral Homeland: Gimbsheim, Alsheim and Eich

by Janet Christie

Some of you asked me to write about
our October visit to the villages of our
ancestors.



Much has
been written
by others,
but I will
attempt to
fulfill my
promise.
Craig and I
arrived at
Stuttgart
three days
before the

friends we were meeting at Frankfurt.
We spent part of that time visiting
Gimbsheim, Eich and Alsheim. Each
village is unique. Our perceptions of
them follow:

Eich

Eich is right on the Rhein River. You
can catch a ferry to or from the east
side of the river there (and we did). It
appeared to us to be a busy, growing
suburb of Worms, nearby historical
city, which is adding industrial areas
and trucking traffic to the ancient
attractions of four worthy cathedrals.

We visited an interesting old
Reformed church in Eich but the
person we talked with there spoke no
English, and we could gain little
information about the old church and
grounds. It appeared to have dated
from our Kimmel ancestors' time, at
least in part.

From Tim Kimmel's website: "Eich
Reformed Church records have the
birth and baptism dates for all of the
children of Johann Michael's son,
Johann Philip and some detail on
Johann Michael's brother, Johann
Georg. Johann Philip's wife, Anna
Elizabeth Volz was born in Eich, and
both her birth and death records are
here." It would have been ideally
suited to be a port of departure for
agricultural products of the area.

Next, we went up the road about four
miles to

Gimbsheim

Gimbsheim appears to be smaller and
quieter, more agricultural now in the
present day than Eich — perhaps
because it is located a bit further from
commercial areas. There is a lovely
old Reformed Church there. Though
we found it locked when we tried to go
on two occasions, the third time a lady
on a bicycle, married to the pastor,
offered to open it for us. She spoke
English, but had to leave almost
immediately, so we could only learn
that it was 150 years old. I now
wonder if she was referring to a
restoration. Perhaps someone on the



list knows the answer or the Gimbshheim historical book might

say. It has obviously been recently painted inside in the old decorative manner and is very beautiful.

If the present building is not old (by European standards), we thought the site may have once been the home of an older church. It was surrounded by a stone wall with large buttresses. We walked through the unlocked wooden gate in the stone wall and up several steps to the church, which was seated high above the surrounding neighborhood.

There was an old Catholic Church in town, as well. We didn't visit it because of parking problems. The streets are narrow, and houses are right next to the street, so bicycles work better than cars there.

We drove from the church to the Rhein (about one mile east)—saw fields of sugar beets which had just been harvested and were piled beside the road. On one trip there, we saw a group of seniors on bicycles on an outing, perhaps a picnic beside the river, or just enjoying the fall colors, which were spectacular. There were 25 or 30 happy bicyclers in the group. We walked through the cemetery and found only recent grave sites, as described by previous visitors.

On our third visit, we found the City Hall open. The administrator was there, and I was able to communicate that I wanted to buy a copy of the Gimbshheim history book, which I did. She said the Mayor (?) Was on holiday, so there was no one to show us around. From the Kimmel Record Website: "Gimbshheim Reformed Church records include references to Hans Conrad Kimmel and his children, Johann Michael, Johann Georg, and Anna Catharina. The 1732 marriage of Johann Michael to Anna Elizabeth Hartmann is here. So is the record of Johann Michael's death in Gimbshheim in 1734." We took some pictures, imagined we could identify Frau Helwig's Gustehaus and the city history cellars, and headed west across the valley to a lovely little village on the hillside,

Alsheim

"Alsheim Reformed Church records include references to Hans Conrad Kimmel and his children, Johann Michael, Johann Georg and Anna Catharina. The 1732 marriage of Johann Michael to Anna Elizabeth Hartmann is here. So is record of Johann Michael's death in Gimbshheim in 1734." The hills around the village

of Alsheim are covered with grapevines, and the town is especially charming, with wineries throughout, and a couple of interesting restaurants. We found the city hall locked and didn't really try to talk to anyone there, but just enjoyed the area. There were almost always people waiting for the trains that run through the wine country, low on the hillside of villages. The grapevines continue south for many miles, and we received information at the visitor center in Worms which designated this as a main wine-producing area.

We noticed that there is a rooster on the top of the steeple of each Reformed Church and assumed that has to do with the awakening of the Reformation. The only other reference I can think of is Peter's denial of Christ "three times before the cock crowed." Perhaps someone can tell me the meaning of this symbolism for sure.

My thanks to all who so kindly sent me maps and instructions to help us find our way, interesting places to visit and things to do. You pointed the way and greatly benefitted our vacation time in Germany.



Missouri Kimmels celebrate 70th anniversary

Paul and Mildred Kimmel of Winston, MO, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home on Sunday afternoon, December 31. Daughter Charlotte Apple of Plattsburg, MO, says, "We feel it is quite a milestone and accomplishment." Cards can be sent to them at Post Office Box 95, Winston, MO 64689.

TIM KIMMEL'S KIMMEL COLUMN

Kimmel Immigrants of the 19th Century

The immigration of Kimmels had ended with the American Revolution when our ties were severed with England, and therefore also with England's allies in Germany. Kimmels from the German states began arriving in the United States again in the 1830's. These families included Catholics who had been denied access to what had previously been colonies of a Protestant England. Also, few came to farm the

land but came as tradespeople: stone masons, bakers, tailors and shoemakers. Kimmel migration to America approached its peak in 1860 and then plummeted with the start of the Civil War.

After the American Civil War, the arrival of German Kimmels declined through the rest of the 1800's except for a mild increase in the late 1880's. Towards the end of the century, most Kimmel immigrants tended to settle in the large cities and towns with German-speaking populations. In the late 1870's, Jewish Kimmels started arriving, and their rate of migration increased through the rest of the century. The Jewish Kimmels fled eastern Europe as the Russian and Austrian empires expanded into their home countries of Poland, Lithuania, and the Ukraine.

About 230 different Kimmel men came to America in the 1800's and established families here. Below are the Kimmel men who are believed to have arrived in the United States and Canada from 1800 to 1850, where they settled, the first year they are known to be in America, and where records (usually census) say they were born. Other years' arrivals will appear in future issues.

William Kimmel of Indiana County, PA - 1826 - Bavaria.
Valentine Kimmel of Pottsville, PA - 1832 - Rhine provinces.
John Philip Kimmel of St. Louis, MO - Baltimore 1833 - Saarland.
Henry E. Kimmell of Brooklyn, NY - 1834 - Hesse-Cassel.
Peter Kimmel of Baltimore, MD - 1837 - Hesse-Cassel.
Nicholas Kimmel of Pittsburgh, PA - 1838 - Hesse.
Kimmels of Emmitsburg, MD - 1838 (Germany).
John Kimmel of Madison, IN - NY 1839 - Hesse.
Joseph Kimmel of Philadelphia, PA - 1839 - (Germany).
Andrew Kimmel of Muskingum County, OH - 1840 - (Germany).
Killian Kimmel of Muskingum County, OH - 1840 - Bavaria.
William Kimmel of Mercer County, PA - Baltimore 1842 - Hesse.

George Fredaricks Kiemle of New York City, NY - 1842 - (Germany)

George Kimmel of Philadelphia, PA - 1843 - France.
Bernard August Kimmel of Dayton, OH - 1843- Prussia.
Amandus Kimmel of Madison, IN - Baltimore 1844 - Hesse.
Martin Kimmel of Madison, IN - Baltimore 1844 - Hesse.
Conrad Kimmel of Monroe County, IL - 1844 - (Germany).
John Kimmel of Baltimore, MD - 1844 - Hesse.

Neltz Kimmel of Madison, IN - 1844-Bavaria.
 Charles Kummel of St. Charles County, MO - 1844 - Prussia.
 Joseph Kimmel of Carroll County, MD - 1844 - (Germany)
 Fred Kimmell of Arenzville, IL - 1845 - (Germany).
 Adam Kimmel of Philadelphia, PA - 1845 - Wurtemberg.
 Charles Kummel of Hartford, CT - 1846 - Hesse-Darmstadt.
 Henry Kimmel of Bellevue, OH - 1846 - Prussia.
 Christian Kimmel of Dayton, OH - 1846 - Prussia.
 John Kimmell of Allegheny (Pittsburgh) PA - Baltimore 1847 - Bavaria.
 Frederick Kimmel of Carroll County, MD - 1848 - Saxe-Meiningen/Saxe-Weimar.
 Henry Kimmel of Allegheny County, PA - 1847 - Bavaria.
 Anton Kuemmel of Putnam County, OH - 1848 - (Germany?).
 George Kimmel of Rochester, NY - 1849 - Bavaria.
 Peter Kimmel of Dodge County, WI - Milwaukee 1849 - Bavaria.
 John Kimmel of LaGrange County, IN - PA 1849 - Hesse-Darmstadt.
 Martin Kimmel of Steuben County, NY - 1850 - Bavaria?
 Patrick Kemmel of New York City, NY - 1850 - Ireland.
 Michael Kimmel of Ashland, PA - 1850 - Ireland.

New Kimmel Landmark Coming
 The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is being built in Philadelphia on South Broad and Spruce Streets. This will be the home of the Philadelphia Orchestra, whose inaugural concert is slated for December 14, 2001. The center is named for its most generous private donor, philanthropist **Sidney Kimmel**, founder and chairman of Jones Apparel Group, Inc. It will include a 2,500-seat concert hall for the orchestra, a 650-seat recital theater, and an arts education center. You can learn more about the center and see the architect's model of the structure.

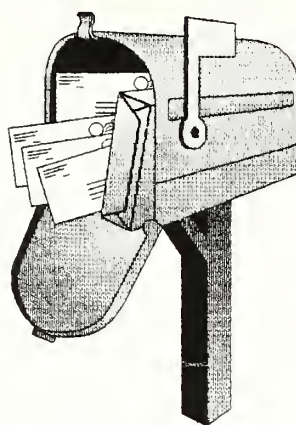
As a side note, **Sidney Kimmel** made the 400 Richest Americans lists again this year according to Forbes Magazine. He was #332, being worth \$880 million.



Address
changes &
additions:

Apple, Darrell & Charlotte, 200 West Broadway St., Plattsburg, MO 64477.
 Delaney, Mark & Jerilyn, 675 South 1650 East, Spanish Fork, UT 84660.

Kimmel, Lloyd & Louise, Route 12, Box 430, Bedford, IN 47421.
 Lahman, George & Vera Viola, 2725 Kimmel Road, Eldorado, OH 45321.
 Tompkins, Shaun Jacob, 1001 East Madison St., Room S-503A, Springfield, MO 65807.
 <shaunj@com>



Family Mailbox

Mary Anne Kimmel Whitmer:



Lee Whitmer of Modesto, CA, sent a note August 25, asking:

"Do you have the name and address by any chance of the person who read the list of 1890's Kimmel Reunion attendees? I would like to ask her for a copy of it."



Terri Phifer of Wichita, KS <WRPhifer@aol.com> sent a note

in October about where to have the 2003 reunion: "Hey - PA would be fun. We could all go see the original places of the Kimmels. I'd vote for that-not that California wouldn't be fun, but after all the family did come from PA. We could gather the **Whitmers** and **Kimmels** that are still there and have one really large family reunion. Hope everything is going well for you and yours."



Lana Whitmer Cheatham of Modesto, CA, e-mailed October 30:

"Am looking forward to the newsletter as this will be my first. Sorry to hear that Ken had to go to the hospital... I know how it is to be busy and to get behind, so don't worry about us cousins..."

"My vote is for Monterey, CA, and could we have it in June?"

A November note from the **Lloyd Hummer** family of <LHummer32@aol.com>: "Dr. **Lloyd Hummer**, grandson of **Martha Kimmel**



Hummer, is now retired and living in Wichita. He

and his wife **Mardean** share this information about their family. They have 13 grandchildren with the 14th on the way.

"Their daughter **Deana** and husband **Jack** are expecting their second child in May 2001. They and their son live in Carbondale, CO, where Jack is working as a structural engineer, mostly on mega homes for the wealthy. Dena works for the Snowmass Development Co.

"Daughter **Whitney** and her husband **Steve** and their three children live in Manhattan, KS. Steve practices medicine as a sub-specialist in Pulmonology. They just bought a 143-year-old house, one of the oldest in the city, and are planning to renovate it.

"Their daughter **Karen** is practicing Pediatrics in Portland, OR. Her husband **Ron**, who has a Ph.D. in Microbiology, is doing a 3-year fellowship in the University of Oregon Health Science Center. They have three children.

"**Erika**, their daughter, with her husband and three children, lives in Wichita, where her husband is a construction engineer.

"**Hans & Sara Hummer** and two children live in Detroit. Hans has his Ph.D. in Medieval History and teaches in Wayne University.

"**John Hummer**, wife **Amy**, and two sons just moved to Las Cruces, NM, where John is administrator with a new hospital. He is in charge of building a new Hospital & Medical Arts tower (about an \$80,000,000 project) and will be CEO of same when it is completed.

"**Chris Hummer**, the youngest son, lives in Sanford, NC, where he is a hospital administrator. He is engaged to **Crystal** (who is from there) to be married in April 2002.



From **Lee & Sue Whitmer** of Modesto, CA, a December 22 note: "...It has

been very hectic for us this year, and we are just finishing with everything. It probably isn't helping that both **Sue** and I are working on Christmas. We're off on the 26th, so that will be our celebration.

"I don't know whether you've heard

about mom. She was diagnosed with lung cancer several weeks ago. She went in for surgery a week ago and got out of the hospital today. Every indication at this point is that they were able to get all of the tumor and that it hasn't spread. Anyway, she will be staying with us for a few days as she continues to regain her strength..."
<Lwhitmer@ainet.com>.

Martha Kimmel Hummer:

Pauline Hummer Duke
of <prhummer

@netscape.net> sent an October 30 note: "So enjoyed the reunion. That was the first one that I had been able to attend for the last two times. Glad to see everyone. I was especially glad to meet Janice, to whom I have been writing the last few years.

"A group of **Martha Kimmel Hummer's** grandchildren and a great-grandchild went to the old stone house where Grandma and Grandpa Hummer lived for several years. There is someone living in the house and they really love it, even though it is over 100 years old.

"We are doing all right at the present time. **Martin** had a cancer on the side of his nose. The cancer had gone too long, so he had to have a hole cut in his nose, and a plastic surgeon in Tulsa rebuilt his nose. It was a painful and uncomfortable two months. We decided that anyone who does plastic surgery for cosmetic reasons must be slightly off. The summer was very dry, but the last 10 days we have been having some rain. Not as much as western and central Oklahoma have had, but at least we have had some.

'**Virginia**, who works for Storage Tek in Broomfield, CO, has had a promotion to a senior software engineer. Our great-grandchild, **Larry Dudley**, is going to kindergarten this year. Time really flies. **James** is still working away on the ranch, and **Vivian** is working at her job, so the routine remains about the same.

My mother, **Mary Hummer**, was quite ill this last summer, is doing fairly well at the present time. She celebrated her 97th birthday on September 26. I was able to go visit her for a week the last week of September. The first time I have been able to be away for a long time. She received many cards and several bouquets of flowers, which she always enjoys.

I am not sure whether my sister **lorence** is getting news in this

letter or not, but I would like to share with the rest of the Kimmels information about my niece, **Cheryl Stephens**, who is a Hospice nurse in Perryton. She has that extra special quality that she shares with her patients which makes their last days so much better. She is deeply concerned about each of them and is able to make each of them feel very special. There have been so many families who have shared with her and with the rest of us how much they have appreciated her during these very difficult times.

"**Tim Kimmel** gave the persons attending the reunion the information about the Jewish branch of the Kimmels, but I think it would be informative if what he said could be shared with the rest of us. If I understood it correctly, that a long time ago, when the Jewish people had to have a last name, there were some who liked the name Kimmel so they adopted that name. I may need to be corrected on this point, so perhaps the information should come from him."

As to the reunion, **Pauline** says, "Whatever you decide about the reunion will be OK with me. If it is in California, I will have to start saving up money to attend as that is so far away..."

Josiah Riegel Kimmel:

From **Carolyn McPherson Waterman** of Washington, KS, a December letter:



"Thought I'd better be getting more money to you, as my label looks as if I won't get the next issue..."

"Dad had a great 90th birthday with an open house in McLouth on Saturday afternoon, November 11. He enjoyed having all the friends and relatives stop in to wish him a happy birthday. We also had a family breakfast on Sunday morning in Oskaloosa to finish off the celebration. He also received lots of cards and greetings from those who couldn't attend the open house.

"We are having a snow day here in Kansas—covering nearly the entire state. There are wind chill conditions of -40 degrees in parts of Kansas and blowing and drifting snow. These are the days I use to do the things I keep putting off. Of course, there is always time put aside for that good book before the day is over..."

Henry Harrison Kimmel:

Molly Kaup, daughter of **Glenna & Jim Kaup** of Topeka, KS, made the Topeka paper August 4:



Molly Kaup

"We'd like to nominate our 5-year-old daughter, **Molly Kaup**, as Youth of the Day. While quite temperamental, she's also very kind and loving. She objects to the killing of insects of any kind, and has built a 'rolly-polly-house' and a 'forest' for the squirrels and rabbits in the backyard.

"Molly's picture should accompany the word *determined* in the dictionary. When she decides to learn something, she doesn't give up until she succeeds. With very little help from anyone, she learned to ride her two-wheeler at age four, learned to read at age five, and hops endlessly on the pogo stick.

"She's one of the most interesting people you could ever meet. Her little brain holds volumes of information about dinosaurs and insects. She enjoys learning math problems from her 8-year-old sister, **Hannah**, and does addition, subtraction, fractions and some multiplication. She would like to be a doctor someday, and with her tenacity and intelligence, she'll do it!

"We feel that Molly's such an interesting, complex, intelligent and loving person that she should be chosen 'Youth of the Day.' We're proud to be the parents of such a wonderful, beautiful daughter."



Jan & Ken

Tompkins of Columbia MO have had "another busy

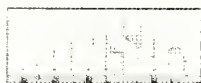
year." Jan signed up for machine quilting classes in the spring and found out she really enjoys it. "It's much easier than making clothes," she says, "because quilts don't have to fit. All you have to do is be able to sew a more or less straight line."

Four of the ladies from her church group meet once a month at her house to learn new quilt techniques together and make baby quilts for BirthRight of Columbia or for Bethany, the Brethren

hospital in Chicago. "A baby quilt only takes a day or two on the machine," she says, so she's trying to make one a month to donate.

"So far we've learned a little about rotary cutting techniques, and last time we used a basting gun instead of pins. We've tried machine-stitched rail fence and nine-patch designs (fast when you use rotary cutting and quick stack & whack techniques." This is the best time ever, she claims, to be making machine-sewn quilts. "So few women sew any more, that you get lots of credit just for trying. You don't have to be good."

Jan's granddaughter Cassandra Tompkins, 15, is learning stained glass overlay. "She made the octagonal window for our Brookdale spec house, and we're trying to get her to do some more stuff."



Fred Bower's house in Wichita, KS, was the victim of a freak

accident this fall. Lightning struck a tree across the street and threw a big chunk of wood from the tree through his glass storm door and the wooden entry door, all the way through his living room and dining room into the kitchen. Fred (who is somewhat hard of hearing) was reading in the kitchen with his back turned and was surprised to find himself surrounded by shattered glass and pieces of wood. He and son-in-law Gary McGill have worked together to replace the ruined doors and repair the other damage.



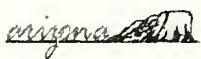
A bunch of Bowers gathered at Gary & Sharron Bower McGill's home for

Thanksgiving dinner: Sharron & Gary, Fred Bower, Jennifer & David Benbrook, Marilyn Griffin Bower, Glenn Bower, John Frederick Bower, plus Gary's mom, Margaret McGill.



Thanksgiving greetings from Jack Mason in Kobe, Japan

< "Happy Thanksgiving! I trust you will have a great Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks to God for our life and great hope. I worked today, and the kids went to school. We did all meet at our friends' house for Thanksgiving dinner, though. We are thankful for our Lord, freedoms and great friends and family. Saturday we will fellowship with our church family and have turkey, dressing, etc., traditional Thanksgiving meal..."



Bob Bower wrote

November 27: "Glad to hear you're busy on things. Quilting seems to be good. Eileen wants to learn too. They have a class here in the RV park that meets every week. We don't have a sewing machine, so she has not joined in. She has been to craft classes each week. She went

several times to another craft store to learn to paint rocks. They do both flowers and buildings on them. She will soon have a small town to add to her collection in the front yard. Several people have taken pictures of her doll collection and collectibles she displays in front too. Even I will admit they look pretty good.

"We just got back from Las Vegas yesterday. Not much going on except shopping... I found a new Super Wal-Mart that just opened this fall a few miles on north, near Nellis Air Base. No Crowds. I guess the other people had not heard of it. There used to be only two stores in town; now there are at least five for 1,250,000 people to get to.

"Went prospecting with a friend from Canada. He owns a motel in BC in one of the towns near where we spent a week at a small lake. Anyway, we did some digging in various places and did succeed in finding GOLD this time. Not much, but some. Now for the Mother Lode to show up. It's something to do. Got to get to work on sculpture more too.

"I told Madeline (mother-in-law) that it was about time for the Dumocrats to find a voting ballot box that had lots of Gore votes in it. Lo and behold, they did find one that had not been found or counted. That's two weeks after the election! ...And now if you think no one else can screw up the voting, I just got my absentee ballot from Kansas. That's right, Kansas. Not only have I not lived in Kansas for over two years, I have not lived in McLouth for ten (10) years. That's where the ballot came from, a week and a half after the election..."



December 22, Bob Bower sent an e-note:

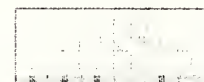
"If I had a chance to go to Mars and could get back OK and a computer was in charge of the trip, I would not go!! Haven't been shopping, even here. Hundreds of dealers here now. Population up, should get to be fourth or fifth largest town in AZ (if Phoenix and Tucson count suburbs). Working on sculptures some.

"Working on finding gold on a claim about 10 miles west. Have partner from Canada. So far we have managed to get some gold each time we go—two or three times each week. Just something else to do. We usually bring back a 5-gallon bucket of materials work up here at home. The joke is whether or not we are paying for the gas the VW Bug uses. Well, I guess everyone would like to find and see real gold in their pan just once. It was satisfying to think we could actually figure out and find some dozen flakes in the pan when we get home.

"There is an area 5 miles west where campers come each winter and spend their days just searching for gold. It's there if you go about it right. Metal detectors don't work on the small placer gold very well. Where we are getting ours is the area where someone

found a 47 oz. nugget. It's difficult to get into. You need a good vehicle, and finding the trail is not easy. You must travel down a wash a mile, then go under the Interstate bridge and up a canyon. The ATV riders are like the cowboys. They won't get off to do anything that's over 10 feet from their mount.

"Heading to Las Vegas in the a.m., be back in January. Have a merry Christmas. Now let's see if this gets through...."



From John & Mary Bower of McLouth, KS, a Christmas letter: "Christmas

greetings from John and Mary Bower to all our family and friends everywhere. Year 2000 has been another good year at McLouth. The weather has been a mixed bag. Dry into June, wet in July, then hot and dry into the fall. Translation: good corn, poor soybeans. But Kansas was green most of the summer.

"Mary and I celebrated our eleventh anniversary February 25. Once again, I sang in the Easter Cantata. In April I was a grand Marshal at the annual McLouth Patriots Day Parade, and Mary and I went to the midyear meeting of the Kansas WCTU at Great Bend. In August I conducted the Sunday worship service at the McLouth Threshing Bee for the 42nd year.

"Early in the year we lost our family doctor, and his associate doctor was unable to continue the practice, so we had to find a new doctor. We like him, but it takes a while for him to get to know our health needs. We are thankful that extensive tests have found nothing life-threatening for either of us.

"In November, grandson Sam Miller married Alissa Reed. On Thanksgiving Day we enjoyed having most of Mary's family here, and we expect them again at Christmas..."

"We keep busy. Mary does volunteer work at the Oskaloosa Library and nursing home. She is Memorial Secretary of the Kansas Women's Christian Temperance Union. I am chairman of deacons at the Baptist Church, substitute Sunday school teacher, and a director of the Jefferson County Historical Society and the McLouth Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Advisory Council of the area Agency on Aging.

"Mary and I move a little slower, but we are grateful that we can still go places and do things. We are thankful for the love we have found together, for family and friends who care, for a good community, and for our church, where we share the warmth of Christian love, and most of all we are thankful that God loved us so much that He gave His only Son on that first Christmas, so that we might have life, full and rich and abundant and eternal. It is our prayer that His love will fill your hearts and lives at this Christmas season and bless you in the new year. "

John and Mary have two e-mail addresses: < and <jdbower@grapevine.net>



A Christmas letter from Gary & Sharron Bower McGill of Wichita:
"Greetings to all. Hope this holiday season finds all of you doing well, prosperous, and enjoying the season and those around you.

"After a couple of years in a row of major changes in our lives, the year 2000 was finally a year of stability for us. **Sharron** is still employed at AOPA Insurance, although she has taken an additional job part-time at Kohls Department Store. I am still at Home Depot as the lead in the flooring department and continue to work part-time with Sel Pro as a manufacturers representative. So even though the year did not bring major changes, we remain quite busy.

"After settling into the house we bought in October 1999, we began the year with a celebration of the one thing that has been a constant for us over the years. March 1, 2000, was our 25th wedding anniversary. We celebrated with a trip to San Antonio, TX, and the Riverwalk. Soon after we got back, **Sharron** started her part-time job at Kohls and, despite my urgings to quit, she has remained there through the year. I started out our anniversary celebration on a little rougher note. In the middle of February, I hit a patch of ice on a bridge close to Blackwell, OK, and totaled our Pathfinder. By the time the insurance settled, we were able to purchase a replacement vehicle just a short time before we were scheduled to leave for Texas.

"The summer months were primarily just work for the both of us. We did take a short trip for a family reunion with **Sharron's** family in July, and my sister and her family also came in July...

"Our daughter, **Jennifer** and her husband, **David**, also experienced a year of stability. She is still working very long hours at the Kansas Humane Society, and he is still employed at Checkers Grocery. They did move to the east side of town, which we were sorry to see happen, but it is more convenient for them.

"The major event of the year took place in November. After discussions with family and consultations with friends, my mother decided to accept an invitation to move in with us. She has remodeled our basement into an apartment and has managed to transplant an amazing amount of her belongings into this apartment. We look forward to the closeness and challenges this is going to foster.

"One of the things that has changed for us this year is **Sharron**. Last year she got a treadmill for Christmas, and that started her on a very vigorous exercise program. Along with watching her diet, except for ice cream, she runs up to

seven miles a day and swims almost daily. The results have been a weight loss of 30-35 pounds (that she didn't need to lose in the first place).

"Again, it is the holiday season, and since we are both employed in retail sales, it promises to be a busy time for us, it is also a time to reflect upon how lucky and blessed we have been this past year. The changes have been fewer, and for the good; we all are for the most part healthy and happy and looking for good things in the upcoming year."



Buon Natale!

Japan. Perhaps you can ask **Jack's** wife. Anyway, it is good. Try it; you might like it.

"Everyone here OK. **Gordon** was under the weather for a couple of weeks, but doing OK now, working on basketball scores and statistics of KU opponents."



Buon Natale!

We have a December 23 e-letter from **Jack Randal Mason**, currently living in Kobe, Japan: "Merry CHRISTmas from the land of the rising "Son." In two days we will celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we will celebrate at least 12 hours before you.

We have had a great 2000 in Japan and around the world. This is the middle of our third year in Japan, with at least another to go. At work, we started selling our latest excavators we have been designing over the past three years, so at Shin Caterpillar Mitsubishi, there is more work than time to do it, but it sure beats looking for a job.

"Our family is growing physically and spiritually this year. **Jessica** (12), **Tiffany** (14) and **Diane** (very young) are all about the same height now. **Aaron** (10) is growing closer every day. He is starting to eat that way too.

"**Diane** led the Sunday morning music at Kobe International Baptist Church most of the year. Diane and I continue to teach youth Sunday School in the morning and evening. We do not have a great number, but we have nearly 6 faithful students in each class. Three of those are our kids. I enjoy being able to teach them. I also have a Japanese college freshman, Nobby, who is my assistant teacher. He has been doing games, created a youth web page and also substitute teaches.

"**Diane** and I still get many opportunities to share our faith with English conversation classes. I teach five at work, and **Diane** continues to teach at the Lutheran seminary. Wednesday we went caroling around the neighborhood. We thought of a white Christmas, but we held umbrellas as it sprinkled on us. We also had the

Japanese Fruit Pie

Mix as listed:

- 1 stick margarine (melted)
- 1 C. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 T. vinegar
- 1 C. chopped nuts
- ½ C. coconut
- ½ C. raisins

1 uncooked pie shell

Mix well, bake in unbaked pie shell @ 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

—from Betty Bower

opportunity to sing Christmas songs at a neighborhood party, with our Japanese co-managers and wives. **Diane** led, and I selected the correct CD.

"Christmas Eve we started off with Starbucks for breakfast, then morning worship service on Rokko Island, then a baptism in a friend's pool, lunch, then evening worship service, cookies, and then about 10 to 15 got to take 100 care bags of food, gloves, etc., to the Kobe homeless. It's a busy day, but we got a chance to give Jesus a present back, by giving to others. We can open our presents on Christmas Day. Many of the gifts we brought back from Australia.

"Speaking of Australia, we did go to Cairns, Australia, last week for nearly a week. Cairns is in the northeast corner of Australia. Home of the Great Barrier Reef. It's summertime in Australia. I would guess it was in the 80's.



"We had been planning to use our frequent flier miles to go to Australia for over a year. We had tickets, visas, rooms, etc., for the whole family. We realized the kids would have to get out of school for some days, but thought it was do-able. When we talked to the Canadian Academy, they said that they would get no credit for the week, which was final week. We had planned the trip with another family, so we continued on with the planning, canceled the kids's plane tickets, downsized the hotel, and the Lord had one of our Christian friends offer to watch our kids. Though we sure would have liked the kids to have gone with us, we did suffer through, just **Diane** and I. After all, last week was our 17th wedding anniversary on December 17.

"Cairns is very laid back and easy going. The town is fairly small, but still has plenty of shopping—of which we did much, since we needed to start and finish Christmas shopping in Australia. We took two empty bags with us and filled them up to take back. We flew Continental from Kansai Airport (Osaka) to Guam to Cairns. We enjoyed spending U.S. dollars and eating at a Burger King in Guam—only McDonalds, Kentucky Friend Chicken, Wendy's, Subway and Domino's Pizza in Kobe area. The prices were great in

Australia: 1.8 Australian dollars per 1 U.S. dollar.

"Monday: we arrived at 12 midnight. The car rental desk was closed. Seems we didn't communicate 12 midnight well. So we took a taxi 15 miles (\$30 Australian) to Palm Cove, where we had an apartment.

"Tuesday: we slept in, then went to the store some 10 minutes away. They had a really nice K-Mart. You can tell we live in Japan, but it was very nice (not like the States). They had a grocery store that had a whole aisle of breakfast cereal—unlike our selection of five kinds.

Wednesday: We took the Skyrail up the mountain overlooking the rain forest to Kuranda. We had plenty of time to see the rain forest and then shop in the small aboriginal town of Kuranda. We took a Hummer ride through a bit of the rain forest and then took the train back down. We stopped back at the stores and got some of our Christmas shopping done.

Thursday: We went to Port Douglas to Rain Forest Natural Habitat Park. We saw many colorful birds, kangaroos, wallabies, flying foxes, crocodiles and koala bears. Then after lunch we went to 4-Mile Beach and played in the ocean for most of the day. In the afternoon we did manage to find more shopping. We used #30 sun screen and still got a good dose of sun.

Friday: We went scuba diving and snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef. We went with about 25 others on the Poseidon. The boat traveled about 1 hour out to the reef from Port Douglas. Diane took the introductory scuba dive. She enjoyed it so much she did it again when we made our second stop. She is a great swimmer, so mastered the breathing out of mouth into the respirator, using the nose to clear the mask, etc. They went about 12 meters down. The instructor took three divers with him. Diane got to hold a slimy sea cucumber, touch the inside of a large clam shell and chase a shark (not the kind that chase you). I tried scuba and got 5 meters down, but just felt better snorkeling on the surface... so that's what I did. We left Port Douglas at 8:30 and snorkeled quite a few hours, had lunch on the boat, and then returned about 5:30. We slept very well that night.

Saturday: We had some clouds but little rain. We went to the Aboriginal Culture Museum. We saw them perform, got to try throwing a spear and the boomerang. They showed us how they play the didgeridoo. After that, guess what? We went Christmas shopping again.

Sunday: We drove over the mountains to



the Atherton Tablelands. Rolling hills and plateau. We saw giant termite mounds that looked like boulders. We visited one of the largest gem and rock exhibits I have ever seen and then drove back to Cairns. We drove for about 400 km (270 miles). We stopped and ordered a meat lover's large deep pan crust Domino's Pizza for \$7.50 Australian, or \$4 U.S. What a deal!

Monday: Last day. We checked out of the room. Packed the car. We now had four bags, rather than two. We went Christmas shopping in Kuranda and Cairns. We shipped off some presents to our folks and repacked the car. We saw a movie, then headed for the airport at 10 p.m. Our flight left at 1:10 a.m., and we were back at our house in Japan by 2:30 p.m.

"Well, we had a great time and are appreciative of the opportunity to see God's great handiwork all over the world.

"Have a merry CHRISTmas and happy New Year. Praying for y'all. Jack, Diane, Tiff, Jess, Aaron."



OTHER KIMMEL COUSINS

We have an October 2 note from **David N. Kimmel** <CaptDNK@aol.com>. "It's interesting seeing some of the information about my direct family in my e-mail yesterday and today. I also was surprised when I saw my brother **Ted** mentioned, and his wife **Jo**.

"There were four brothers in my family, and I'm the oldest, and brother **Ted** was the youngest. In order to state who my ancestors are, I'll list them from **Johann Philip Kimmel**, followed by his son of the same name, then **Jacob, Ludwig, Tobias, Samuel**, then my father, **Harry Oscar Kimmel** (1892-1948). For more information about us, you may view my Web Site at <<http://members.aol.com/captdnk>>

"**Theodore Ecroyd Kimmel** (note spelling of ECROYD) was born 3-30-1929 and was killed in an airplane crash in Madagascar on 5-11-1965. **Ted's** wife you have correct. She is a minister today in a Methodist church in the Phoenix area. Her full name is **Joann Stuckey Kimmel**. She has several college degrees and later went back and got her theology degree, as

did brother **Ted** earlier.

Your information about **Jo** (she writes under the name of **Jo Kimmel**) authoring the books mentioned is correct. However, she has authored a couple more books since these two.

"**Ted** was asked by the Church World Service to head up their program in Madagascar in the early 60's, and he was killed in a small airplane crash in the northern mountainous region in 1965. **Jo** and their 3 daughters returned to the States, where **Jo** became an instructor at Manchester College in Indiana. You can read the biographies of **Ted** and **Jo** in my Website."

From **Heien Kimmel Orndorff** of West Virginia <HKO26426@aol.com> we have a November 4 note with a great offer: "My two sisters, a cousin and I traveled to Gimbshiem and surrounding areas in July. We had an absolutely wonderful time and are eager to return. We met some wonderful people in Gimbshiem and feel that we made some lasting friendships with them. We still 3-mail some of them regularly. I would be more than happy to offer any helpful information to any Kimmel cousins planning a trip to Gimbshiem."

From **Jerilyn Delaney** of Spanish Fork, UT, a December 5 note: "I am very interested in the *Kimmel Family News*. I descend from **George** and **Sarah Kimmel Starn's** fourth child (third son), **John A. Starn...**"

Vera Viola Lahman of Eldorado, OH, who attended the 2000 Kimmel reunion, wrote January 16, asking for an extra copy of the reunion issue. She identifies herself as "one of the 'Other Kimmels – **Jacob of Berks**," and says, "We enjoyed the reunion and appreciate the effort you make for the family."

Advertisements for the handiwork of the association of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists (who also have a video out) include the name of **Neita Kimmel** as one of their participating artists. Is anyone familiar with her work?

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KIMMEL FAMILY NEWS



*A chronicle of Kimmel cousins, sponsored by the
descendants of David & Leah Riegel Kimmel
Spring, 2001*

BEFORE THE ROADS WERE PAVED, TRAVEL MEANT REAL ADVENTURE

by Donald Kimmel Bower
(1909-1998)

Don Bower was a grandson of Henry H. Kimmel and the oldest son of Earl and Mabel Kimmel Bower. He kept journals throughout most of his life, and in his last several years, he wrote *Memoirs* for his family. He grew up near McLouth, Jefferson County, KS, with two younger brothers, John and Gordon Bower.

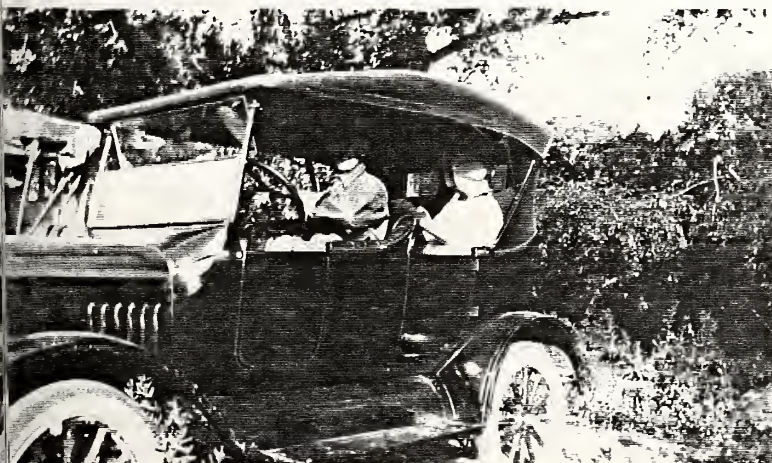
My first memories of traveling were in a buggy behind a driving horse. Later, the first automobile ride was in our 1916 Model T touring car. It had a brass radiator, no bumpers, straight front fenders, and acetylene lights.

There were no paved roads or streets, except in the city of Leavenworth. We first drove to Leavenworth for clothes shopping, and later to Kansas City. Before the Model T, we rode the railroad trains. The automobile trips to Leavenworth were a treat for us boys -- new school clothes, etc.

It was more of an adventure if it rained before we drove home. The first hill, Pilot Knob, leaving the Missouri River valley, was quite long and difficult when muddy. We crossed Stranger Creek through a covered bridge.

I believe our family's first automobile vacation trip was in 1918, in our 1916 Model T Ford, to visit places and relatives:

What is the famous 1916 Model T Touring Car that traveled through Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas in 1918? Photo taken c.1918 in Oklahoma.



Day 1,
McLouth to
Topeka. We
stayed
overnight with
Uncle Louis
Kimmel.

Day 2, Topeka
to McPherson.
We visited
the Harnlys
and Hoerners
and
McPherson
College.

Day 3,
McPherson to
Great Bend.
Some car
trouble to be
fixed there.
We three boys
played in the
City Park.
We made it on
to Ness City
yet that day.
Dad called on
a Poland
China breeder
there. We
stayed
overnight in a
local hotel.
John fell down
the basement
stairs in his
explorations.

Day 4, Ness City to Garden City. Most
of the way was crossing grass pasture
lands until we got to the irrigated river
valley in Finney County. We often
had to get out and open gates between
ranches.

We
stopped at
windmills
for filling
the radiator
and
drinking
water.
Much of the
route was
just two
ruts in the
sod.

At Garden
City we

stayed with Uncle Frank and Aunt Rose
(Kimmel) Kaufman. He was a local
banker with an irrigation reservoir in his
back yard. We stayed several days,
visiting and sightseeing. Some water
came directly from the Arkansas River
[which is pronounced Ar-KAN-zuss, for the
benefit of you non-Kansans, never Ar-Kan-
Saw], but much came from pumped
wells, some steam powered. Sugar
beets was the main crop of the area.

Our next day long trip was to Liberal,
Kansas. We crossed low bridges over
the creeks or small rivers. At one, a
team of horses stood in the stream bed
and were eating off the bridge flooring.
Much of the unpaved route was quite
sandy. Car trouble showed up again.
This time it was in the transmission or
differential. It was repaired in Liberal.

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*A family group about 1915: Earl and Mabel Kimmel Bower and their
three boys -- Donald Kimmel Bower (b 1909) John David Bower (b
1911), and the baby, Richard Gordon Bower, (b. 1914).*

Our destination was the Clem and Martha Kimmel Hummer family near Booker in the Texas Panhandle. The road in front of their house was the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle line.

The next day's trip was mostly in western Oklahoma. Much of it was hilly, with sandy rivers and even sand dunes. One even resembled a pyramid.

Our next destination was Cordell, Oklahoma, and the relatives living east of Cordell. There we stayed with the Boyds, Pitzers and Vanimans, three of Dad's sisters. We also saw the first farm my father and mother lived on after their marriage in 1905. One day, the families took us to the Washita River for a picnic. Some of the older boys went "noodling" for catfish in the deeper holes in the stream, near a stream bank.

Our return trip took us through an Indian town, Colony. We forded the Canadian River at Bridgeport. The next stop was Wichita, Kansas, which was not large then. The Bowmans and Whitmers lived near there.

It was extremely dry and hot when we arrived home at McLouth. Some trees were losing their leaves, but they survived.

McGILL IMPROVES HER RUNNING TIME

Sharron Bower McGill, a great-great-granddaughter of Henry H. Kimmel, has shortened her running time in the River Run at Wichita, KS. She ran the 6.2 miles in 50 minutes, 20 seconds – 10 minutes faster than last year.

"According to the official times, I placed sixth in my age group and 98th out of 595 women," Sharron says.

Sharron and her husband Gary live in Wichita, and she finds times to run several miles daily, despite working full time and holding down a second job.

OLD NEWS

Kimmel kin made the local news more than 100 years ago in Jefferson County, KS.

Most of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel's seven children lived in Jefferson County at one time or another. A son and a daughter married Bowman siblings and two Kimmel girls married Whitmer brothers.

from the McLouth Times:

September 7, 1881:

"Harry Bowman took his trunk over to Easton yesterday, near which place he will teach the coming winter. He will be back and attend church Sunday night, however."

June 3, 1887:

"Off for Ottawa."

"McLouth is represented at the Dunkard meeting at Ottawa, this week, with a large and respectable delegation which left here last Monday. The delegation is composed of Henry Kimmel and wife, D. W. Whitmer and wife, Mrs. David Kimmel, Mrs. A. J. Bowman, Mrs. James Sykes, Mrs. Mary Bowman, and John Rover. They were accompanied by Jesse Kimmel of Illinois." [Perhaps they meant Josiah? His nickname was Jess.]

"Last Sad Rites."

"The last sad rites of A. L. Bowman were performed at the church last Friday, at ten o'clock. The church was filled to its utmost capacity, many staying on the outside. The funeral procession formed in line at the church, and as the pall bearers, John Cross, __Yoders, Sam'l Reynolds, Daniel Garrett, G. W. H. Moore and Mr. Boyd, emerged from the church, an awed silence fell over the assemblage, for a dear friend and brother was on his last journey. Mr. Davis, of Oskaloosa, sent over his handsome new hearse for use on this occasion. The procession was one of the largest, if not the largest, ever seen in McLouth at a funeral, it being about three-fourths of a mile long.

July 23, 1887:

"A little son of Andy Bowman came near dying last Saturday. The little fellow has a severe attack of the whooping cough, and was lying on the floor at the time while Mrs. Bowman was attending to her household cares. After the mother had been at work for a short time she stopped to see how the boy was getting along, when she discovered him in a spasm. Dr. Jones was summoned at once, and by strenuous efforts, succeeded in rescuing the little fellow from the very jaws of death."

May 4, 1888:

**"Church Directory,
"DUNKARDS."**

"At McLouth, second Sunday at lamp lighting, fourth Sunday morning and night. At the Grove School House, third Sunday at 11 a.m., in school house 72, first Sunday at 11 a.m. – DAVID KIMMEL, Elder."

"Mrs. Bowman arrived home Tuesday after a two or three weeks visit with friends and relatives."

"Chip' Bowman, accompanied by his brother A. L. Bowman, are here spending a few days visiting relatives."

June 15, 1888:

"Andy Bowman is agent for the Plano."

"Call on Andy Bowman and see his line of carts."

"J H Bowman of Easton was in our thriving little city Wednesday."

"The leading drinks of the season, such as old Virginia Crab cider, old Missouri refined Birch beer, New Era beer, ginger ale and lemonade, at Ream's restaurant."

June 21, 1888:

"Bowman Bros. will sell you a good road cart for \$20.00."

"German millet seed 50 cents per bushel at Bowman Brothers."

"Bowman Bros. have the contract to furnish the twine for the Lone Tree Alliance."

"The new call and lock boxes for our post office arrived here last Saturday and were put in position on Monday, since which time our postmaster, Andy Bowman, has had other things fixed to match, and now we have as handsome and convenient post office as there is to be found any where."

July 20, 1888:

"Cross & Kimmell threshed 308 bushels of wheat for Dan Knowlton in four hours Wednesday afternoon."

"Andy Bowman will leave here next Tuesday to attend the republican state convention which will meet at Topeka on Wednesday at noon, and then and there help nominate the next governor of Kansas. The uncertainty as to who the lucky man will be makes it all the more interesting."

"Harry Bowman of this city has been employed to teach the winter school in district No. 14, just south of Easton in Leavenworth county."

August 24, 1888:

"Elder Kimmel transacted business in Leavenworth Tuesday."

September 13, 1888:

"Harry Bowman left here last Sunday to wield the birch, or hickory, in a school near Easton. He will keep posted on home news, all except about his girl, through the TIMES, which will visit him weekly during his absence."

October 12, 1888:

"Senator Edmonds has contracted 5,000 bushels of corn from Henry Kimmel at 23 1/3 cents per bushel. Owing to the immense crop raised here this will be apt to the ruling price for feeding corn this season."

October 19, 1888:

Results of the first city election for McLouth list some Kimmel kin as office holders: Mayor - A. J. Bowman Councilmen included James Sykes. "Two married women were not allowed to vote because they were not twenty-one years of age... Thirty-six women voted, pretty good for a commence-

ment. They are probably learning the ropes for next spring..."

"Two Mules for Sale. Two sucking mules for sale. Enquire of **D. W. Whitmer**, 1 1/4 miles northeast of McLouth."

October 26, 1888:

"On Wednesday afternoon, a telegram was received here announcing the death of **William Whitmer**, at Quinter, Gove county, Kans. That same evening, **A. S. Bowman** and wife left this city to attend the funeral, the deceased being a brother of Mrs. Bowman. The funeral was to have taken place yesterday afternoon. The young man was known to many here, who regret to hear of his death."

"Two Mules for Sale. Two sucking mules for sale. Enquire of **D. W. Whitmer**, 1 1/4 miles northwest of McLouth."

March 8, 1889:

A report of the literary society's meeting says the program included a reading by **Clate Hummer** as well as discussion of how taxes collected from railroads should be divided.

A. J. Bowman announced the sale of half interest of his business and called for payment by folks who owed him money.

May 31, 1889:

Horse thieves are plying their vocation in Leavenworth county, there were three horses stolen the first of the week; two near Leavenworth and one in the city."

Another firm was organized the first of the week under the name of **Bowman, French & Co.**, patent churn industry. We have not learned when they expect to start on the road."

June 21, 1889:

The new call and lock boxes for our post office arrived here last Saturday and were put in position on Monday, since which time our postmaster, **Andy Bowman**, has had other things fixed to match, and now we have as handsome and convenient postoffice as there is to be found any where."

Bowman Bros. will sell you a good road cart for \$20.00."

Call at **Bowman Bros.** and see the new all steel Plano Binder. She's a

daisy."

August 30, 1889:

"John Royer has sold his residence in the north west part of the city to **John Bowman** for \$650. We believe Mr. Royer intends to purchase a residence in Ozawkie and make that place his future home."

Bowman Bros. have the contract to furnish the twine for the Lone Tree Alliance."

March 7, 1890:

"**Henry Kimmel** shipped a car load of oats to Kansas City this week."

March 21, 1890:

"**Mrs. Sykes** is having the rock hauled for the foundation of a new store room for her Millinery shop. It will be built on the lots just south of this office on Union street."

May 16, 1890:

"**Rev. Harry Reigle** and wife, of Safford, Kan., are here visiting **Rev. R.'s** daughter, **Mrs. J. L. Gish**, and his sister, **Mrs. Elder Kimmel**."

"**Andy Bowman** is now gathering up monstrosities for a museum, his first being a large owl that was brought to the city by **Dan Taylor**, Monday."

September 12, 1890:

"**Miss Mary Bowman** has returned home from a three weeks visit among friends at **McPherson**."

"**Elder David Kimmel** and wife and **Mrs. Andy Bowman** are visiting friends in the eastern states."

September 26, 1890:

"**Andy Bowman** is having quite a serious time with a rheumatic attack, which keeps him confined to the house a greater part of the time."

"**Mrs. A J Bowman** and **Mrs. David Kimmel** have returned from a visit among friends in the eastern states."

"**Mrs. J. H. Bowman** and son **Willie** have been spending the most of the week over at the farm near Easton."

"**Attorney D W Daniels** and **H H Kimmel**, administrator, were at Oskaloosa Tuesday attending probate court in connection with the **Sykes** estate."

February 20, 1891:

"**Andy Whitmer** of Auburn, Ills., spent

several days here with his brother **D. W. Whitmer**, for more than a week past."

May 22, 1891:

"**Henry Kimmel** has purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land located in the northern part of this township from **C H Steeper**, for which he paid \$6,400."

June 18, 1891:

"**Henry Kimmel** had his gang of hands out repairing roads on Wednesday."

August 28, 1891:

"**Andy Bowman** wants to sell you Michigan Salt."

"**Andy Bowman** has purchased the **Doc Jones** store building."

"**John H. Bowman** has purchased the **Andy Bowman** store building."

Mrs. J H Bowman and **Mrs. A J Bowman** were shopping Leavenworth Monday."

September 4, 1891:

"**Elder Kimmel** will accept our thanks for a bucket of apples."

September 11, 1891:

"**Henry Kimmel** is limping around resulting from a kick by a horse."

J A Black has sold his farm three miles northeast of this city, to **Andrew Whitmer** of Sangamon county, Ills., for \$4,500, who will move here next March. **Jim** will go to Oklahoma shortly and look around."

"**Elder Kimmel** will preach at the Methodist church, in this city, next Sunday morning at 11."

Tim Kimmel's

Kimmel Column

Below and on the next page are photo images of the handwritten entries for:

(1) Notice of **Johann Michael Kimmel's** 1734 burial in Gimbshheim from the Alsheim Lutheran church records.

23. *Byrabon*
Grimble
Michael Kimmel
was born in Gimbshheim
on the 17th of August 1734
and died on the 11th of
September 1799
at the age of 65 years
and 1 month
and 14 days
and was buried on the
13th of September 1799
in the churchyard at
Gimbshheim

Handwritten German text at the top of the page, likely a church record or family note.

(2) **Johann Philip Kimmel's** 1721 marriage record from Gimbsheim Reformed church records.

(3) **Johann Phillip Kimmel Jr's** 1724 baptism record from Eich Reformed church records.

Since these are photocopies of photocopies sent via e-mail, you might want to look at these copies online at

<http://www2.fwi.com/~tkimmel/MICHAEL-BUR2.jpg>

<http://www2.fwi.com/~tkimmel/PHILIP-BAPT2.jpg>

<http://www2.fwi.com/~tkimmel/PHILIP-MAR2.jpg>

(Contact Tim Kimmel at tkimmel@fwi.com if you need help viewing these.)

KIMMEL IMMIGRANTS OF THE 19TH CENTURY

Kimmel arrivals 1851-1860

Augustus Kimmle of Philadelphia, PA - 1851 - Baden.

Conrod Kimmel of Indianapolis, IN - 1852 - Hesse-Darmstadt.

Johann Lorenz Kimmel of Altoona, PA - Baltimore - 1852 - Bavaria.

Henry Kimmel of Pittsburgh, PA - Baltimore 1853 - Bavaria.

A. H. Kummel of Douglas, KS - 1853 - Prussia.

John Kemel of New York City, NY - 1853 - Nassau.

Nicholas Kimmel of Carbon

County, PA - 1853-Prussia.

Christopher Kimmel (Keimel) of New Jersey - 1853- Bavaria.

Peter Kimmel of Lawrence County, OH - New York City 1854 - Hesse.

Jacob Kimmel of Brooklyn, NY - 1854 - Bavaria.

Louis Kimmel of Lafayette, IN - NY 1854 - Hesse-Darmstadt.

Charles Kummel of New Orleans, LA - 1854 - Bavaria.

Francis Kimmel of Lagrange County, IN - 1854 - (Germany)

Adam Kimmel of New Orleans, LA - 1854 - Baden.

Conrad Kimmel of Onslow, NC - 1855 - (Germany)

John Kimmel of Brooklyn, NY - 1855 - Bavaria.

Frederick Kummel of Philadelphia, PA - 1855 - Baden.

Jacob Kimmel of Louisville, KY - 1855 - (Germany).

John Kimmel of Berlin (Kitchener) Ontario - NYC 1855 - (Germany).

John William Kuemmel of St. Louis, MO - New Orleans 1855 - Hesse-Cassel.

William Kimmel of Louisville, KY - 1855 - Prussia.

John Adam Kimmel of Madison, IN - Baltimore 1856 - Wurttemberg.

Michael Kimmel of Fairview, PA - 1856 - (Germany).

John Kimmel of Allegheny (Pittsburgh), PA - 1856 -

Wurttemberg.

Leonard Kimmel of Baltimore, MD - 1857 - (Germany).

Wendling Kimmel of St. Louis, MO - 1857 - (Germany).

Benjamin Kimmel of Hazleton, PA - NYC 1857 - Hesse.

John Kimmell of Philadelphia, PA - 1857 - Wurttemberg.

John Kuemmel of NYC, NY - 1857 - (Germany).

William Kimmel of Hazleton, PA NYC 1857 - Hesse.

Henry Kimmel of Cook County, IL - 1858 -Hannover.

John Kimmel of Lawrenceburg, IN - 1858 - Switzerland.

Joseph Kimmel of Laporte County, IN - 1858 - Hungary.

Unknown husband of **Rose Keme** of NYC NY - 1859 - (Germany)

John Kimmel of Shelbyville, IL - 1859 - Wurttemberg.

John Kimmell of Lawrenceburg, IN - 1859 - (Germany).

Andrew M. Kimmel of Knox County, OH - Louisville KY 1859 - Bavaria.

Adam Kemel of Brooklyn, NY - 1859 - Baden.

John Kimmel of NYC, NY - 1859 Wurttemberg.

Mathias Kimmel of Summit County, OH - 1859 - Baden.

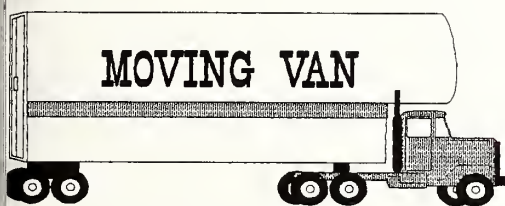
George Fritz Kuemmel of Glasgow, MO - 1859 - (Germany).

Fred Kemmel of Dodge County, WI - 1860 - Wurttemberg.

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Peter Kimmel of Dane County, WI - 1860 - Bavaria.
Sebastian Kumle of Morgan County, IL - 1860 - Baden.
John B. Kimmel of Baltimore, MD - 1860 - Bavaria.
Henry Kimmel of New York City, NY - 1860 - Prussia.
Charles Kummell of Cook County, IL - 1860 - (Germany).
George Kemeull of Warrick County, IN - 1860 - (Germany).
Joseph Kummel of Brown County, MN - 1860 - Baden.
Fred Kimell of Philadelphia, PA - 1860 - (Germany).
Charles Kimmel of Baltimore, MD - 1860 - Cosburg, Hesse-Saxony.
Conrad Kimmel of New Orleans, LA - 1860 - (Germany).
John Kummel of New Orleans, LA - 1860 -Hannover.

Next issue, I'll touch on the status of attempts to restore **Admiral Kimmel's** rank and detail on the movie "Pearl Harbor."



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LOST??

Mary Viv Lawson-Arnold, Janet Lawson-Guest, Betty Fellenz, Evelyn & Charles Vaughn.

family mailbox

Henry H. Kimmel

From **Bob Bower**, at an RV park at Quartzsite Az, a January 3 note: "We made it through another New Year's on the Las Vegas strip. I took

Jason with me. We stood for 3 hrs in front of the Mirage /Caesar's entrances, so we had a grandstand seat for the fireworks. They set off \$500,000 worth in 10 minutes, 20 locations, from the Mandalay Bay (old Hacienda location) all the way to downtown. They fired them like a machine gun with 50 guns on each rooftop. Nice and different.

"Huge crowd, too. Police better this year. Still blocked off part of useable street to walking.

"Got home Tuesday okay... we are working a ravine and still finding gold. We sift with a 1/4" screen (this gets rid of the big nuggets that are so hard to sell) and makes it easier to get material to bring home, usually about 5 1/2 gals. We then run this through an automatic panner. It takes seconds to get the gold out of a small scoop of material. This panner works with water. Henry (partner) modified it to take out the small pump and hooked it to the hose directly. No need to recycle water that way; quicker and cleaner, too. We also have a dry washer to take on to the site. Have not tried it out yet. Since it's less than 10 miles to the claim, we are able to make quick trips, and now we use his van. Found an entrance off the interstate with a gate on to the old highway, then up the trail."

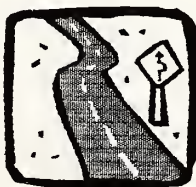
Fred Bower is a great-grandfather again. **Angelina Eve Becerra** arrived January 31,

2001, at 9:48 a.m. in Phoenix, AZ, weighing 7 lbs 1 oz, and measuring 20.75" long. Parents are **Diego & Wendy Barnett Becerra**. Grandma is **Mary Katherine Bower**, Fred's younger daughter. Big brother "Little Diego" Becerra is two years old.

From McLouth, KS, we have news of a wedding for one of **John Bower's** grandsons, according to his February 7 e-mail: "Darin's bride is **Holly Wells**. They are to be married February 24 at 2 o'clock at the United Methodist Church.

We don't see much of them, but she is quite attractive and seems to be very nice. **Darin** found her while he was working in Kansas City.

"I don't know if the boys are planning to race again this summer, but I suppose so. Somewhere they got a snow-mobile, and they were riding it in the field south of our house while the snow was on. **Holly** took her turn. I did not go out—it was too cold! Snow is all gone now, except for the remains of a few drifts. I am ready for spring."



Another e-mail from **Bob Bower**: "Notes from Quartzsite: this year, from town officials, we became the second largest town in Arizona (without the Tucson suburbs). We

were at 1.25 million for the last two weeks in January. There were many more dealers here this year. Traffic was even worse, and there is no way you can visit all of the sites. *National Geographic* came and filmed some scenes. Henry, my gold hunting friend, is featured in some of it. I'll let you know when it's to be aired.

"Some people write that all we have to offer is rocks. They are only a part of the dealers. Many dealers offer jewelry, clothes, antiques, food, fresh veggies, and the usual flea market items. We have car shows, RV's for sale, RV fix-its, and anything you can imagine, including African dealers selling old spears, masks, and sculptures.

"Traffic was from half a mile east of the 4-way stop sign on the east, all the way one mile west of there to the next stop sign, also the same on the north-south highway. It took more than half an hour to get to the Interstate, unless you were gone before 8:00 a.m. It takes 10 minutes just to get on to the street, and then only if someone lets you get in line.

"Today we headed out into the desert in the Bug. We traveled on a trail which circled the mountains west of here. The trail was very rough, even by my standards. Lots of mines to explore around. One mine had a very old steam shovel still intact, just waiting on someone to get it going again.

"...Started to paint one of my smallest sculptures today. Going to be slow. Smaller is not easier. One of the large ones is going to be ready to paint in a day or two. So I am keeping busy at doing what I like best..."

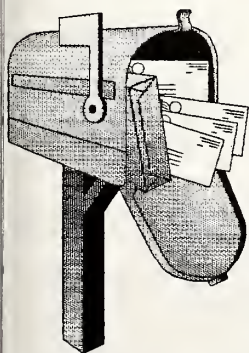
From **Dick & Ruth Kimmel** of Gladstone MO, we have

a February 26 letter bringing the newsletter up to date for them and their children: **Linda & Jim Peters** of Olathe, KS; **Debra & Ralph Weant** of Blue Springs, MO; **Janet & Scott Arvidson** of Gladstone, MO; and **David & Barbara Kimmel** of Kansas City, MO.

"We are spending the winter in Fort Myers, FL. We see **Bob & Betty Kimmel**, who live here, frequently. Visitors have been **Byron & Anne [Kruse] Hayes** of Lyons, KS; **Dick & Katie Kruse** of Indianapolis, IN; and **Jim & Mary Kimmel** of McLouth, KS. Our son-in-law, **Jim Peters**, and granddaughter **Megan Peters**, are coming in March.

"The weather was cool until about the middle of February, but has been in the 80's each day since. There has been no significant rain since October, so it is very dry. There have been brush fires, but luckily, no problem in our area.

"We will return to Kansas City about April first. **Ruth** gets anxious to see the grandkids, and we will resume camping activities. We camp with Good Sam, a camping club, each month throughout the warm months plus other trips.



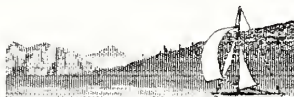
New Year's on the Las Vegas strip. I took

"We celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary, which was December 25th, 2000, in early January. Our kids hosted a party at our church, which was well attended despite the poor weather. It seems that the 50 years have gone by rapidly. I am the youngest of **Henry** and **Lydia's** grandchildren, and I am 70 years old. That means the cousins are very senior citizens.



"All for now. Thanks for the excellent newsletter. We will see you at the next reunion."

Mike & Deanna Tompkins of Columbia MO went off to the Caribbean again in February. This year, they and two other couples chartered a 42' Hunter sailboat, and they sailed between British & U.S. Virgin Islands.



At least two of the folks on board were experienced sailors. **Mike & Dee** and the others read up on the subject, because they had to convince the boat captain they were capable of taking the sailboat out on their own. **Dee** says she memorized all kinds of things in preparation for the trip. She knows port from starboard and can identify the gib and the boom veng, amongst other things—"not necessarily what they're FOR, but I can identify them." However, she said her main job was to not be seasick.

One of the highlights of their trip was spending two days moored on Peter Island, site of a very expensive resort. Because they rented a boat slip there, they were allowed to use the resort facilities and restaurants, though they passed up the \$50 per person buffet.

Will they go sailing again? Well, maybe not. "Sailing is really hard work," **Mike** says.



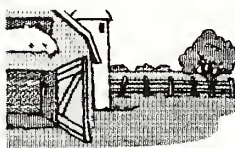
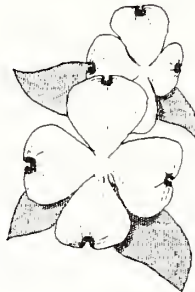
Janet Clark McCoy of Linden, CA, sent a March 4 note, asking for **Bob Bower's**

address: "**Gordon** and I read about his gold prospecting in the latest newsletter. We're miners, too. In fact, we were down in Arizona in February, around Wickenburg, for a little metal detecting. It might be fun to compare notes.

A March 17 e-note from **Bob Bower**: "Hello again. Thanks to you and your unchallenged superior skill at family history, I now know what happened to

Abe Bowman's brother. I had looked for him in PA but never found anything other than that they were still as a family there. Look up some more on him. I never got far in finding census records that were not pay sites. Computers are good for some things, but library books are better. Temp. in 80s now. Rain quit. Gila monsters out and hungry. No snakes yet. Time to be extra careful in the desert. Will mail walking sticks soon. Line shorter at post office these days. They are going to build a new post office. That will be three. How many little towns do you know with two zip codes? When the new one is built on ten acres, will we then have three?"

Virginia Bower Mason of Stone Mountain, GA, sent an e-note May 20 saying her younger son, **David Mason** of Flower Mound, TX., had visited. "We had a good visit. He said **Courtney** had surgery scheduled to get her tonsils removed. I called to see how it went, but only talked to their voice mail..."



Beverly Sanders Muzzy sent an e-mail May 17 on an unusual topic. She found a female Dalmatian. "She's really sweet, but is missing her owner. I know her owner must really be heartbroken. I have no intention of keeping her, but will until we either find her owner or a good, loving home... When I first saw her last week, she was filled out and healthy. Today, she's very thin and starved. I'm feeding her small amounts, in hopes to build her back up. She'd loaded with ticks, but I've applied Frontline to her and hope to get control of that matter. We are keeping her in a shaded pen outdoors. I can't let her in the house with the ticks.... Please pass this on, will you? She might belong to someone who was traveling through Kansas and lost her."



John Bower of McLouth, KS, sent a May 24 e-mail: "We were sorry to miss you last Sunday. We were at the Oskaloosa graduation, where **Matthew Moffet-Marie's** second, I think—was graduating from Oskaloosa High School.

"Then we went to **Marie's** for a picnic, which became an in-house affair when it began to rain. We had half an inch at McLouth, but I think it was nearer an inch at Ozawie. But it was a fun affair. **Marie** is getting a fine bunch of

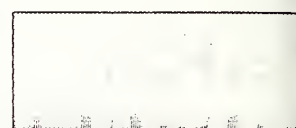
grandkids, and some very nice in-laws

"Tuesday night we were back at Oskaloosa for eighth grade graduation—**Amanda Miller**, Judy's youngest, and **Charles Moffet**...."

John sent a follow-up note May 26: **Marge [Whitmer]** is much better, but recovery was slower than she expected... I am thinking it is time for me to be writing my memoirs.

"We visited **Bill & Mildred Kimmel** yesterday. He is recovering, but has a hole in the retina in his right eye. I don't know how it happened. My cataract surgery was successful. I can see better with my right eye than in some time—actually, I can read large print without glasses. But it will be better when I get my new ones, so both eyes work together."

From **Betty Kimmel Sampson** we have an



April 22 e-mail: "The Sampson families are in fine shape, enjoying the springtime and the chance to do some gardening. Until the last few weeks, we, along with son **David** and his wife, **Jane**, have been enjoying weekly visits with brother-in-law **Vernon Kruse**. He's spent some time in the hospital having a heart catheterization, another visit for digestive problems, and now another visit with dehydration. His daughter, **Anne Hayes**, could give more up-to-date information. Her e-mail address is <abhayes@midusa.net>.

"**David** and **Jane** are living both at McPherson and Hutchinson. **Lee** and **Philip**, his sons, live in Hutchinson. Both work at a car dealership. **Philip** is about to finish a class in welding at the junior college. He hopes to find a welding job this summer.



"At the end of May, **Willard** and I, with **Lee** and **Philip** as

our drivers, are planning a trip to Charlotte, NC, where our daughter, **Marianne McCoy**, lives. We are going to **Timothy McCoy's** HS graduation on June 1. Next fall **Timothy** plans to attend the KSU aeronautics school at Salina, KS. It will be good for him to be close for visits once in a while.

"This summer, granddaughter **Annette McCoy** has a job with the Kansas Cosmosphere as a counselor with the Future Astronaut training. It will be nice to see her now and then while she is in Hutchinson. She is now completing her junior year at Michigan State University." **Annette**, according to Grandma **Betty**, "wants to become a veterinary doctor. So far she has been very determined about her goal and

has earned a scholarship that covers her undergrad program of studies."



From **Anne Kruse Hayes**: "My dad is doing OK, with things being day-to-day as he is in the Hutchinson hospital and will have some further tests tomorrow. He has been under medical care the past two weeks, and he is hoping that he will be able to come home and be on his own again soon. He is being patient and cooperative throughout these health challenges. (Not sure any of this is 'news worthy' as we are hopeful he will be going on his own soon.)"

Byron and I flew to Florida for a vacation this past January and stayed with my Uncle **Bob & Aunt Betty Kimmel** in Ft. Myers. We had a Kimmel family gathering one day during our stay. Other **Kimmels** present were my brother, **Dick**, and his wife, **Katie Kruse** from Indianapolis; Bob's daughter, **Peggy Kimmel Hollowell** from Orange Park, FL; Bob's daughter, **Jean Kimmel Connelly & husband Gary** from Ft. Meyers; and **Dick & Ruth Kimmel** who winter in Ft. Myers. Uncle Bob sent a large box of fresh grapefruit home with Dick to Indiana and one with us to Kansas – they were picked from the trees in his yard. My Uncle **Bill's** daughter, **Maria Kimmel West** and her sons **Jeff** and **Doug** from Deerfield Beach, FL, visited during our vacation too.

Uncle Bob's oldest daughter, **Judy Kimmel** from Topeka, visited our family at Little River this past Easter week end. During the past year I have seen all of my Kimmel first cousins but one. They live in Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Kansas.

My children are fine, and our twin grandchildren, **Will & Annie**, are growing so fast—16 months old. We are so fortunate to have them living close to us."

From **Marilyn Griffin Bower** of Wichita, KS, we have a February note: "...That ice

storm we had was a doosey! I had to finally give up and ride the bus to work. The buses even had trouble. The ski underwear I've saved all these years since we were skiers in Colorado saved me –waiting for the bus, which was late!

Glenn had some interesting exercises getting in and out of his Ford Festiva – could only get in through the hatchback. Then when he got to work, couldn't get back out. He was locked side by the ice. Someone notified

the boss and somehow he got rescued from the Festiva. The mental picture of him having to crawl through the hatchback and over the seat in that little car is interesting to say the least, since he is so tall.

"Eventually we all thawed out. My car was a glacier – I'd parked it on the north side of my house, which was not probably a smart thing to do.

"I really hope you can get **Mike & DeeDee** to tell us about their trip to the Bahamas – bare boating. All of us in the frozen sections of the country need warm thoughts!"

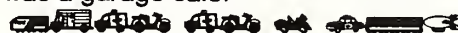


Cassandra Tompkins, 15, who lives in Columbia MO, spent her week

of spring break this year doing good. She traveled with a group of K-Lifers to Memphis, TN, to work on Habitat projects, helping some elderly folks with repair projects.

Since **Cassie** has grown up in the family's construction business and helped with trimming out their current house, she had more know-how than some of the other high schoolers, and turned out to be really good at using a screw gun (experience helps!) **Cass** says she had such a good time she wants to go back next year.

Cass will turn 16 August 1 and already is anticipating getting wheels. We hear that her first fund-raising event was a garage sale.



Josiah Kimmel



Dr. Jerry & Jane McPherson Young of Topeka, KS, sent in a change of address (see Address Changes above) in

February. New e-mail also, which Jan somehow lost. Perhaps they can be persuaded to send it again?

the **RIEDEL SIDE OF THE FAMILY**: **Leah Riegel (1828-1894)** wife of **David Kimmel**, was the daughter of **David & Elizabeth Kaucher Riegel**. **Wayne Webb** has been researching the Riegels and their church affiliation. Apparently the Riegels were not Brethren (Dunkards) but were affiliated with the United Brethren, which went on to become EUB and then part of the United Methodists.

From **Wayne Webb** of Millville, NJ, **SpiWebb@aol.com**, a November 23 note: "Are any of your Riegels

perchance from a branch that went to Ohio? This group was related to the Zeller family who in PA were Lutheran, but in Montgomery County, OH, were adherents of the United Brethren religion. This line of Riegels descend from a **Johannes Riegel** and **Elizabeth Zeller (1758-1820)**, d/o **Johan Georg Zeller**. **Johannes & Elizabeth Zeller Riegel** never made it to Montgomery County, OH, but several of their children did.

"It was **Elizabeth Zeller Riegel's** brother, **Andrew Zeller (1755-1839)** who went to Montgomery County, OH, in about 1806 and started the 'first United Brethren congregation west of the Alleghenies.'

"Many of the Zeller family went to Ohio as well. His nephew **Johannes Riegel (1777)** [**David Riegel's father**] had all of his children move to Ohio as well as his widow **Eva Reber**. All of the children moved to Ohio in about 1831 or so. Another Riegel who moved to Ohio was a **Mathias Riegel (1760-1834)** who came before 1810 and was a county sheriff in the same county....

"...I can easily demonstrate that the Riegels were German Reformed at least up until 1800, as I have found baptisms for a slew of them in the little circle of churches around Tulpehocken, which is an area near the borders of Lebanon, Lancaster and Berks Counties in PA....

"The line that **Leah Riegel** is from is descended from **Johannes & Eva Reber Riegel**, ...and that **Johannes** was a son of **Johannes & Elizabeth Zeller Riegel**. **Elizabeth's** father was **Johan Georg**, no E, **Zeller (Zoeller)**, and she had a brother **Andrew Zeller**. These Zellers were also members at the little group of churches that the Riegels attended, but **Andrew** sometime shortly before moving to Montgomery County, OH, in 1805 was granted permission by **Otterbein (United Brethren)** to preach the Gospel of God.

"Unfortunately, not much is known about **Andrew's** religious activities, though much is known about his children and most of his descendants were for many years United Brethren. He had charge of about 7 churches in the Germantown area.

"As I published in several reports, **David Riegel**, son of **Johannes Riegel** and **Eva Reber**, came to Montgomery County, OH, in 1832. [NOTE: My **Riegel to Riggle** book names

Johannes Riegel's first wife as **Anna Maria Kintzer** and credits her with seven children, including David. —Jan]

"I can verify that this is correct by many court records such as marriages that this is in fact correct. Census research and cemetery records have also proven this to be correct. The biography that started me on them states that they were United Brethren, and again, the marriages seem to agree, as they are being married by or to people of the United Brethren faith.

"My feeling therefore is that sometime between 1800 and 1830 they were converted, and furthermore, I can make a distinct statement that they were members of Otterbein's congregation. At look at his register would be very interesting indeed. It should also be noted that many of the families that the Zellers and Riegels lived near to were all from that same group of churches in Berks County. I am finding out in my research that this group of churches and their attendees were all intermarrying so much in Montgomery County that they are all related in about 3 different ways to each other. Some of them are related 4 ways...."

Wayne says that Leah Riegel Kimmel's father, **David Riegel** (born 1808) was a United Brethren minister. Has anyone researched our Riegels and their church affiliations?

David Riegel's grandparents were indeed **Johannes Riegel Jr. &**

Elizabeth Zeller, according to *Riegel to Riggle*, a Riegel genealogy book, which reports that Host church records identify **Johannes** as a 2nd Lieutenant in

the American Revolutionary War, with 3rd Co. of Berks County Militia.

"**Lea Riegel**," daughter of **David Riegel** and **Elizabeth Kaucher**, according to LDS IGI and Ancestral Files, was christened August 24, 1828, at Host Reformed Church, Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, PA.

OTHER KIMMEL COUSINS:



We haven't heard yet how **Beth Kimmell's**

candidacy for Zachary, LA, school board came out, but back at February 28, 2001, according to the local newspaper, *The Advocate*, she was running. She identified herself as a Democrat and said she "has been an active member of various school and church organizations since moving to Zachary in 1980, including service on the board of the Foundation Assisting Zachary Education since 1995. **Beth** was president of FAZE from 1996-1998 and was serving as secretary at the time of the newspaper. She and **Glenn Kimmell** have been married 28 years and have two children. She has a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts in political science.



Illinois

A friend passed along the information that "Union County Illinois Trails Cemeteries" includes information on many **Kimmel** burials in that area. Also at the Union County Illinois site was the transcription of the Diary of **Edward Schwartz**, for 1870, submitted by **Gayle Putt**. "Among the early settlers of Jackson Co. were **Peter** and **Singleton H. Kimmel**. **Peter** was the brother of **Catherine Schwartz**. Later on, other Kimmel cousins migrated into Jackson Co., primary among these was **Henry Kimmel**, son of **Abraham & Elizabeth Heiple Kimmel...**" writes Gayle.



Maurine K. Blackwell of Bozeman, MT, wrote

April 16: "I was traveling when the fall issue of Kimmel Family News arrived... I am especially interested in the **Admiral Kimmel** situation. He was the third cousin of my grandfather, **H. Orie Kimmel**. My father used to say, when President Roosevelt was still alive, that the President knew what was going to happen, but did not notify authorities at Pearl Harbor because he wanted the U.S. to get involved! It seemed to me that warning them could have saved many lives and still get the U.S. involved... I look forward to the movie.

"I was teaching American History in a small Kansas town at that time."



Eleanor Kimmel Roubique of Denver sent us May 18 e-mail, giving her new e

mail address. "We now have the ATT Broadband internet service and a new e-mail address, robiccj@home.com. We would like to drop the Qwest service... Hope to hear from you soon."

Reading through transcriptions of old **McLouth (KS) Times** for February 1, 1895, Jan Tompkins came across this item:

"**Mr. Kimmel of Ruble** has canvassed this neighborhood the past few days selling a blacksmith outfit."



Jan didn't know where Ruble was or who this Mr. Kimmel was, but **Tim Kimmel** offers a possibility that: "Mr. Kimmel of Ruble who was in the McLouth, KS, area in 1895 might have been **Richard L. Kimmel** (born 1863), son of **George & Mary**. **Richard** would have been living in Plymouth County, IA, at the time. His family was living several miles east of Ruble in that county in the 1900 federal census."

Laurel Messenger features Meyers/Kimmel/Beeghley family in Somerset County

The *Laurel Messenger* for November 2000 features the **Michael Meyers** Family in an article on pages 471-473, and the **Kimmel** name crops up several times.. **Michael Meyers'** daughter **Susanna** married **Jonathan Kimmel** (1798-1878), a son of **Jacob & Mary May Hoffman Kimmel**.

34 of **Michael Meyers'** descendants became ministers, mostly in Brethren churches. Among them: **Michael M. Kimmel** (1821-1888); **Joseph L. Kimmel**; and **Samuel Paul Kimmel** (Assemblies of God).



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Frank Kimmel making a name for himself in NASCAR racing

Folk who follow auto racing know the Kimmel name. Frank Kimmel is a two-time ARCA Champion (1998, 2000) and in June of this year was leading in ARCA points.

At that time he had 27 career ARCA victories, was the 1990 Louisville Speedway Champion, the 1988 Kentucky Motor Speedway Champion, and 1986-1987 Speedway champion at Charlestown (Indiana). Race fans can keep up to date with Frank's racing career by checking his website at www.frankkimmel.com.

But there are still more members of this Kimmel family in racing. Frank's crew chief is his brother, Bill Kimmel, Jr., a four-time Louisville Speedway champion. Frank's son, Frank II, races in a division called Mini-cup, and Bill's son, Will, is a track champion in the mini-cup division as well. Will Kimmel even has his own website, www.willkimmel.com.

Frank Kimmel, 39, grew up in Clarksville, IN., and currently lives at Jeffersonville, IN, with his wife Donna and their two children, Holly and Frank II. Frank and Bill's parents are Will and Mabel Kimmel.

When the new Kansas Speedway opened at Kansas City in June this year near the junction of I-70 and 435, Frank Kimmel was there for the first race held there – the Winston West Kansas 100, a NASCAR race, and Frank won.

'KIMMEL INITIATES VICTORY LANE,' shouted the headlines of the Kansas City Star.

Kimmel, the points leader in the ARCA RE/MAX series and a four-time ARCA RE/MAX winner this year, finished second in the ARCA race that started about an hour after he won the Kansas 100...

In that second race, driver Jason Jarrett "passed Kimmel on the frontstretch with four laps left and pulled away to win the ARCA RE/MAX PU200," says the Star.

...Jarrett's victory in a Chevrolet broke Kimmel's four-race winning streak and ended the ARCA points leader a five-figure bonus. Kimmel would have won an extra \$15,000 had he completed the Kansas Speedway sweep."

Kimmel was gracious in his remarks after missing out on a bonus for double victories. "I would have loved to go home as a two-time winner at the Kansas Speedway," the Star quotes

him, "but I guess it just wasn't to be. But it's an honor to be at a racetrack like this."

Coughenours establish lectureship at McPherson College

An endowed lectureship honoring a retired history prof has been established at McPherson College with an initial gift of \$50,000 from Dean and Verlla Hummer Coughenour of Manhattan, KS.

Dean and Verlla, who live at Manhattan, KS, have attended the last two Kimmel reunions. Verlla is a granddaughter of Clement Sylvanus Hummer and Martha Ann Kimmel.

The Raymond and Rowena Flory

Lectureship in Public Policy at McPherson College is a result of cooperation between Dean Coughenour and Dr. Howard Mehlinger of Bloomington, both former students of Dr. Flory, who taught at the college for 51 years.

Dean Coughenour studied under Dr. Flory at MC, graduating as a history major in 1951. "He eventually settled in Manhattan, Kan.," writes Donna Swenson in the McPherson College Review (Fall 2000), "and pursued a publishing career by purchasing Ag Press and the newspaper 'Grass and Grain.'"

"In 1958 the newspaper was awarded top honors by Kansas Press



Racer Frank Kimmel with his daughter Holly, celebrating his victory at the Kentucky Speedway.

Association and Sate Fair Better Newspaper Contest. He remains actively involved in printing and publishing ventures today.

"Coughenour served on the Manhattan City Commission from 1973-77 and was mayor of Manhattan in 1976-77. He also sat on the board of directors for the Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry from 1979-81.

Dean's wife, Verlla Hummer, also attended McPherson College, where she was a member of the class of 1952. Their children are Timothy Neal Coughenour, Susan Jane Lundstrom, and Evan Ray Coughenour.

Prof. Flory himself may be a distant cousin. David Kimmel's mother was Esther Flory, and she came from an old Brethren family, as does Prof. Flory.

McGill places in Duathlon

Sharron Bower McGill did well in the "Race for Justice" Duathlon held at Kansas' Lake Afton.

Sharron, who lives at Wichita, KS., says, "I ran 3 miles, biked 18.6 miles, and then ran another 3 miles. My time was not great at 2:33:15, but I took second place in my age group. This was a bikers' competition, so the 18 miles was a long ride for me, since I mostly run. But I completed it in just 3 minutes longer than I had hoped. I can't believe I worked out for more than two hours and 30 minutes non-stop! I guess I'm a fanatic or something."

John A. Kimmel celebrates 102nd birthday

John A. Kimmel of Mount Carmel, PA, celebrated his 102nd birthday August 15, 2001, with a small group of close friends and family.

"It was a much smaller gathering than on his 100th party," says his nephew Warren Kimmel, who wasn't able to attend. "But I understand he still enjoys life to the fullest, his health is good, and his memory and mind both are still very active." John Kimmel's mailing address, for belated notes, is 201 West Walnut Street, Mt. Carmel, PA 17851.

Tim Kimmel's Kimmel Column

Kimmel Immigrants of the 19th Century

Kimmel arrivals 1861-1870:

Charles Kimmel of St Joseph MO - 1861 - Prussia.

Theodore Kimmel of Allegheny (Pittsburgh) PA - 1862 - Prussia.

Unknown husband of Caroline Kimmele of Brooklyn NY - 1862 (Germany).

John Kumle of Sacramento, CA - 1862 (Germany).

Christian Kimmel of Philadelphia PA -1862 - Saxony.

S. Kimmil of Pittsburgh, PA - 1862 - Prussia.

Christian Kimmel of St. Louis, MO - Baltimore 1863 - Prussia.

John C. Kimmel of Mason, MI - Ohio 1863 - Hesse.

Joseph Kimmel of Franklin, PA - NY 1863 - Hesse-Cassel.

William Kimmel of Aberdeen, MS - 1863 (Germany).

William Kimmel of Cook Co. IL - 1863 - Prussia.

Otto F. Kiemle of New Haven, CT, 1864 - (Germany).

George Kimmel of Crawford Co PA - 1864 - (Germany).

Catherine Kimmel of St. Louis, MO - NYC 1864 - Hesse-Cassel.

Unknown husband of Philiena Kimmel of Jackson Co. MI - 1865 (Germany).

Jacob H. Kimmel of Pendleton, MO - 1865 - Bavaria.

Henry Kummel of Philadelphia PA - 1865 - Prussia.

Adam Kimmel of Cleveland, OH - 1866 (Germany).

Sylvester Kimmel of Madison, IN - 1866 - Wurttemberg.

Philip Kimmel of Erie Co., PA - 1866 - Hesse Darmstadt.

Henry Kimmel of Erie Co., PA - Hesse-Darmstadt.

August Kimmel of Erie Co., PA - 1866 - Hesse-Darmstadt.

August Kumle of Sangamon Co. IL - 1866 - Baden.

Christian Kimmel of Buffalo, NY - Ohio 1866 - Wurttemberg.

Charles Hugo Kummell of Detroit MI - Norfolk Va 1866 - Hesse-Cassel.

Johann August Kimmel of Cleveland OH - PA 1867 - Bavaria.

Julius F. Kummel of Milwaukee WI - 1867 - Hesse.

Peter Kimmel of Leavenworth, KS - IL 1868 - (Germany).

George Kummel of Baltimore, MD - 1868 - Bavaria.

Gottlieb Kiemle of NJ - 1868 - Wurttemberg.

Fred Kimmel of St. Louis MO - 1869 - Baden.

Edward Kummel of Brooklyn NY - 1869- Wurttemberg.

Joseph Kimmel of St Paul MN - 1869 - (Germany).

George Kimmel of Covington KY- 1869 - (Germany).

Jacob Kimmel of NYC - 1870 -(Germany)

Swiss Kimmels of Allegheny (Pittsburgh) PA - 1870 - Switzerland.

Charles Kimmel of Trenton WI - 1870 - Bohemia.

Conrad Kumel of Allegheny Co PA - 1870 - Bavaria.

Henry Kimmel of Baltimore MD - 1870 - Prussia.

John Kimmel of Baltimore MD - 1870 - Hesse Darmstadt.

Frank Conrad Kummel of Baltimore MD 1870 - Bavaria.

Admiral Kimmel update

The Year 2001 Defense Authorization Bill, which included the call for restoration of Husband Kimmel's rank to that held during his commission at Pearl Harbor, did get passed by both houses of Congress last year and was signed into law (Public Law 106-398) by President Clinton on October 30, 2000.

President Clinton left office without following through on the call, though which leaves ordering the restoration of rank for both Admiral Kimmel and General Short to President Bush. That act would be the final step in "official" exoneration of the Hawaiian commanders.

Admiral Kimmel's family has already approached the White House, and text from correspondence between the admiral's son, Edward R. Kimmel, and the President's office can be read on my web site at <<http://www2.fwi.com/tkimmel/Husband.htm>>.

The admiral's family is asking that other Kimmels and supporters of the cause write the President to call for action by the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor coming this December. If you feel the need to be better informed before writing, the page above has a lot of great source. Or read either of the two books on the subject of Pearl Harbor released just this year:

"Pearl Harbor Betrayed," by Michael Gannon. 302 Pages, Henry Holt & Co., Inc. 8/2001, ISBN 0805066985

"Pearl Harbor, Mother of All Conspiracies," by Mark Willey. 422 pages, publ by author, 5/2001 revised

ISBN 0-7388-6889-2. Can be ordered through <www.xlibris.com/PearlHarbor.html>.

The book, "Admiral Kimmel's Story," Husband E. Kimmel, 1955, is now online and can be read.

Latest information on the status of the call for the posthumous promotion of Admiral Kimmel can be reviewed at <http://www2.fwi.com/~tkimmel/Husband.htm>

The web pages were just updated last week end and list the upcoming books on Kimmel and the Pearl Harbor attack, recent other reviews on the subject, and correspondence between the Admiral's family and the President's office.

Also contact information for Admiral Kimmel's son, Edward R. "Ned" Kimmel, and for the President's office, so we can be part of the final push to get the Admiral's rank restored by the 50th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack in December.

1903 Letter from Edith M. Whitmer Touts Life in El Dorado

From the
McLouth
Times,
McLouth,
KS, Friday,
March 13, 1903.



Edith Whitmer Smith

Life in the Sunflower State.
Dear Friend: — We have lived nearly five months in our new home and getting about settled down so it begins to seem home like and can once more enjoy the beautiful things of nature.

We think we have a nice town as well as a pleasant home. El Dorado has a beautiful site at the junction of the Walnut River, and the west branch overlooking a charming valley on the east.

The City in the business portion is principally built of brick and stone. We have three large brickwork schools and a central school building. Seven churches, four banks, five large hotels, besides all boarding and lunch houses, five clothing stores, three dry goods, eight groceries, three milliners, city library, racket store, book store and everything that goes toward making a town beautiful, much less homelike. The town has been so well

described several times prior, I will not go farther into detail.

The surrounding country is beautiful and attractive. About three miles northwest of town lays 640 acres owned by Papa, and also 98 acres just outside the city limits. Butler ranks as the leading cattle county in the state, and prosperity is undoubtedly here. But this county has no use for grinning apes sitting around whittling store boxes and pays them no wages except when the weather is 30 degrees below zero. It furnishes no commission for the street bummer. It wants a man whose aim is higher — "for success and failure in life depends on how you will use the present opportunities."

Now, Jefferson is a nice county; I think it a dear sacred place. But the same sun that shines upon our smiling faces there, shines on ours here. We may not always see the golden links shining in the chain of prosperity, but they are these, and happy is he who is able to obtain them. However, small a thing may be, it has a tendency to pull us to one side or the other. Now, to be frank with you all, I will ask you to come and see. "He who sees ought to know."

All information gathered from kind friends here, say the hot winds have not been known for ten long years. That seemed to be a great complaint heretofore. Yet as the good old maxim goes, "where willow trees and blue grass grows, there is prosperity." Now we are not going to cross the bridge before us until the bridge is reached. Therefore we mean to give it a fair trial, not go back before we get here.

Out of seven Jefferson county families, one returns. We kindly invite you to come. I know you will like our town and country. Of course, El Dorado is only one small spot upon the great Mother Earth, and by seeing it you will know a little more about the extensive mass of stuff we all dwell upon and see that Butler is the biggest and best in the great southwest. —Edith M. Whitmer."

Edith Muriel Whitmer (1884-1976) was 19 when she sent this letter to her former hometown newspaper at McLouth. Two years later, at El Dorado (pronounced, of course, El Da-RAY-Do), KS, Muriel married **Charles Henry Smith**.

The Smiths later moved to Hamilton, MO., and eventually Pierre, SD. Their children were **Llewellyn W. Smith**, **Hazel Edith Smith Kaufman**, **Mary Don Smith Sutley**, **Violet Louise Smith Tomlinson**, and **Velma Minetta Smith Christensen**.

OLD NEWS....

McLouth (KS) Times:

July 3, 1891:

"Dave [sic] **Whitmer** was in our city bright and early Tuesday morning, hunting for a hired girl, when asked why, said, "It's a girl." All doing well."

January 29, 1892:

"Elder **David Kimmel** and his son **Josiah** went to Osawkie last Saturday night to spend Sunday with friends."

"Elder **David Kimmel** will preach in the Methodist church in this city, next Sunday morning."

"Ignorance of the merits of DeWitt's Little Early Risers is a misfortune. These little pills regulate the liver, cure headache, dyspepsia, bad breath, constipation and biliousness. E. C. Rankin."

"**John** and **Mrs. Bowman** visited with relatives near Easton last Friday and Saturday."

February 5, 1892:

"Elder **Josiah Kimmel** of Auburn, Ills., preached in the Methodist church in this city, both morning and evening on Sunday last."

February 19, 1892:

"Elder **Josiah Kimmel** who had been here visiting for three weeks, left for his home at Auburn, Ills., last Monday. He was accompanied as far as Leavenworth by his father Elder **David Kimmel**, his brothers-in-law **D. W.** and **Andy Whitmer** and their wives, and George Kell.

March 4, 1892:

A report concerning the organization of the new McLouth Cemetery Association and its pending application for a charter. "Five acres has already been engaged of **A J Bowman** on the south side of the road west of the school house, and five hundred dollars worth of lots spoken for. When the charter arrives the land will be surveyed and platted. The location is a desirable one, and within easy access of the city. The prices of the lots will be placed within the reach of all." (Later editions of the paper said cemetery lot prices would be raised from the initial price of \$15.00 to \$25.00 each.)

March 18, 1892:

"Mrs. John Royer of Osawkie, is visiting her sister, **Mrs. Barbara Bowman**."

April 8, 1892:

"The Jr. Endeavor organized last Wednesday in the UB church with forty-seven members. The pastor of the church, president; Miss Daisy Garrett recording secretary; Miss Ethel Edmonds, corresponding secretary; **Miss Rosa Kimmel**, treasurer. Meets each Wednesday at 4 p.m. All parents are invited to attend and assist in making the society a success."

April 29, 1892:

"Miss **May Gardner** received quite a serious hurt last Sunday night while going out to her uncle R R Slawson's after church. The horse ran into a barb wire fence, throwing her and her companion out upon the fence, when she received severe cuts on the arm that will take some time to heal." [May Gardner later married **Harrison Bowman**.]

June 10, 1892:

"Rev. **H. S. Rigel** and wife of Stafford, Kas., arrived here Sunday morning on a visit to his sister, **Mrs. David Kimmel**, and their daughter, **Mrs. J F Gish**. They were en route home from an extended visit with friends in the eastern states."

"Elder **David Kimmel** left here Monday morning for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to attend the annual meeting of the Dunkard church of the United States."

"**Henry Kimmel** has been shipping several hundred bushels of oats to the Leavenworth market within the past few days."

"Elder **David Kimmel** will please accept our thanks for copies of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Republican."

June 17, 1892:

"Elder **Kimmel** arrived home last Friday from his trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa."

"John Vandruff has sold his farm one half mile north of this city to **Andy Whitmer**, for seven thousand dollars, it being a little over forty-one dollars an acre."

"A new boy put in an appearance at

Henry Kimmel's last Thursday. A little later on Henry will teach him how to raise corn." [This would have been little **Raymond David Kimmel**, born June 9, 1892, who died Sept 3, 1973.]

"Elder **David Kimmel** will preach in the Methodist church, in this city, next Sunday morning."

"**D W Whitmer** is in Kansas City today."

July 5, 1892:

"A new sidewalk has been put down in front of **Mary Bowman's** property north of the United Brethren church."

July 8, 1892:

"Notice to Stock Owners.
McLouth, Kas., July 8, 1892.
Notice is hereby given to the owners of stock that it is unlawful to permit stock of any kind to run loose in any of the streets or alleys of the city of McLouth, and on and after July 11, 1892, all stock found in any of the streets or alleys of the city, unless accompanied by a herder or driver, will be taken up and impounded, and the owner dealt with according to law. U.S. Addington, City Marshal."

August 19, 1892:

"**Abe Bowman** shipped a car load of fat cattle to Kansas City Monday morning and brought back a fine lot of feeders Wednesday morning."

"**J H Bowman** spent Monday and Tuesday among the hardware merchants of Kansas City."

September 26, 1892:

"**Harry Bowman** will teach school over near Springdale this winter."

"**A J Bowman** is now confined to his home with a severe attack of rheumatism."

"**J H Bowman** and his father-in-law, Mr. Shoemaker, were in Oskaloosa, Tuesday."

"**Willie Bowman** took a header while riding his bicycle the other day. While taking a lively spin a dog attempted to cross the road in front of him - it was not quick enough - and there was a heap in the road in which boy, dog, and bike were terribly mixed for awhile."

"Some wicked cuss stole some hay from the **Grandma Bowman** barn last Monday night."

September 30, 1892:

H H Kimmel is going to build a corn crib on the Northwestern right of way ninety feet long by twelve feet wide."

October 7, 1892:

"Mrs. Thos. Russell Dead. Killed on the Rail." Mrs. Mary, wife of Thomas Russell, who resides just over in Leavenworth county, on the line of the Northwestern railway, was run over and killed by a Northwestern train sometime during last night. She had been to this city to do some trading about dusk, and had been met by two persons between here and the **Kimmel railroad bridge**, which was the last she was seen..."

"**John H Bowman** transacted business in Easton and Nortonville last Monday."

"Probate Court Proceedings for the September term 1892: ...Estate of **Nettie Sykes**, et al., minor; annual settlement approved."

October 14, 1892:

Results of the inquest concerning **Black Russell** are given, including the finding that "the deceased came to his death by being struck and run over by a moving locomotive and train on the track of the Kansas City, Wyandotte Northwestern Railway, on the farm of **Henry H. Kimmel**, about one and three fourths miles southeast of McLouth."

"D. T. Palmer of Topeka spent Monday and Tuesday in this city, visiting **A J Bowman** and **J H Bowman** and **Henry Kimmel**, they having been friends in Illinois long years ago."

"The work on **Henry Kimmel's** new corn crib is progressing nicely."

November 11, 1892:

"**J H Bowman** transacted business in Leavenworth Monday."

Results of public election just held show that **H H Kimmel**, of the Republican party, defeated **A N Nevins** of the Fusion Party for the position of Township Treasurer. **Henry Kimmel** received 186 votes, and **Nevin** 149.

December 2, 1892:

"**John Bowman** was on the sick list Tuesday and Wednesday."

"**Harry Bowman** has purchased the old Lore farm of 120 acres, four miles northwest of this city, of **Charlie McMinn** for \$3,000."

"**L M Erb**, adjusting agent of the Northwestern Railway, was here Monday to fix up the damage to **Abe Bowman**, **Matt Edmonds** and **Jack Garrett** sustained by hay being burned."

The report of McLouth school's primary department lists the name of **Walter Bowman** as one of the students not absent during the month. [Little **Walter Kimmel Bowman**, born in 1884, was



on of **Andrew J. Bowman** and David Kimmel's daughter, **S. Elizabeth Kimmel**. When Walter grew up, he married **Twila Pauline Kimmel**, from the **Jacob Kimmel/Mary Hoffman** line of Kimmels.]

December 9, 1892:
A storm visitor arrived at **J. H. Bowman**'s Wednesday, where he will remain for several years. Little **Harry** thinks he would like to trade the baby off for a drum." [Evidently this was **Roy John Bowman**, born December 7, 1892.]

March 10, 1893:
The delegates selected by the Republican club of this city to attend the state meeting are **Chas. H. Steeper, A. Bowman**, and **T E Dick**."

Elder **Daniel VanEman [sic] (Vaniman)** of McPherson preached in the Edmonds church last Sunday morning and evening. He was here on a visit to his old friend Elder **David Kimmel**. [Daniel Vaniman's first wife was **Maria Kimmel** (1837-1860), **David Kimmel**'s sister.]

April 21, 1893:
Dan Whitmer transacted business in Kansas city last Friday. "

FOR SALE. A excellent two seated surrey and a good cart. Enquire of **Henry Kimmel**."

Miss Minnie Bowman was more than greeably surprised last Sunday morning, at which time her father and mother presented her a handsome gold watch and chain, in honor of her eighteenth birthday."

June 16, 1893:
Elder **David Kimmel** went to Kansas city Monday, where he had his eyes operated upon by an oculist. His son, **H H Kimmel** who accompanied him and remained until after the operation, returned home Tuesday night."

Mrs. Barbara Bowman has purchased of Mrs. Foster the dwelling she latter recently purchased of **S P French**..."

A party composed of **Chuck McDonald, Bob Scott, Ed Gardner, Arthur Reece, Willie Bowman** and little **Chuck**, went to Stranger on a fishing expedition this week with the usual luck."

June 23, 1893:
Elder **Kimmel** arrived home from Kansas City Tuesday evening where he had a surgical operation performed upon his right eye. He will have to go with it tightly closed for two or three weeks yet, the probabilities being that

he will be much benefited by it."

August 18, 1893:
"Married. **CROSS - BOWMAN**. At the residence of the bride's father, in this city, August 13, 1893, by Elder **David Kimmel**, Mr. James O. Cross and Miss Minnie, daughter of **J. H. Bowman**."

August 25, 1893:
"**Abe Bowman** received a car load of feeders from Kansas City Tuesday night."

"Elder **Kimmel** will preach at the Methodist church, in this city, next Sunday morning."

"**Henry Kimmel** shelled a car load of corn in three hours with his horse power sheller Wednesday."

September 8, 1893:
"**Andy** and **Abe Bowman** left here Tuesday afternoon for a ten days inspection of the World's Fair."

"**John P. Herries**, the Northwestern depot agent, will sell round trip tickets to the World's Fair for \$15.15."

December 8, 1893:
The **Kimmel boys** who have been visiting relatives here for several days left for their home in Ohio Wednesday."

"Elder **David Kimmel** transacted business in Kansas City this week."

"**Dave** and **Andy Whitmer**, **Herm Ehler** and **Clate Hummer** were in Lawrence, Tuesday."



address changes & additions

Carter, Joyce K., 317 East 44th St., Lorain, OH 44052.

Kimmel, Warren E., 57 Meadow Road, Trumbull, CT 06611.

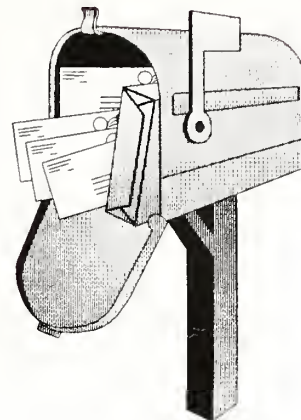
Lawson, Janet & Jonathan Guest, 1876 Brevard Rd, Arden NC 28704.

Lawson, Mary Viv, 421 Alamosa Ave., Alamosa, CO 801101.

McPherson, Leland, Tonganoxie Nursing Center, 1010 East Street, Tonganoxie KS 66086.

Tompkins, Shaun, 2020 East Bennett St., #G6, Springfield MO 65804.

Vosburgh, Eileen, 143 East 4th St., Elyria, OH 44035.



family mailbox

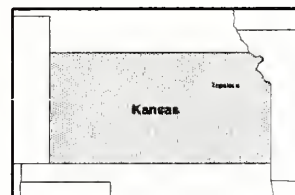
Mary Anne Kimmel Whitmer descendants



Lana Whitmer Cheatham sent her new e-dress: tweety0619@hotmail.com.

An e-note in May from **Terri Cochran Phifer** of Wichita:

"Nothing really is happening here but **Bob** and I are going to Napa Valley, CA, next week. Should I check out places for a reunion?"



On the same subject, **Ritch & Charlotte Whitmer Davidson** of Modesto, CA, sent a note June 17:

"Just a note to say we haven't forgotten about my investigations (as designated at the 2000 reunion) of a possible California location for the 2003 reunion."



"I mentioned Asilomar, a coastal locale between Pebble Beach and Monterey. It's a huge place used for retreats or conventions and just drop-ins for a night or two. I'm taking **Charlotte** there for her birthday for three nights in early July, so will get all the details for larger gatherings while there."

"In retrospect, it seems unlikely the 'older' generation would want to travel this far, but at least I'll fulfill my assigned tasks. Hope all's well with you. We enjoyed the latest newsletter."

Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants

From **Pauline Hummer** Duke of Big Cabin, OK, a June 3 note:

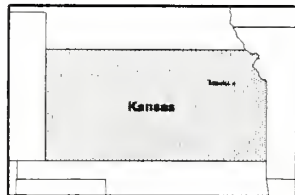


"We just returned an hour or so ago from a Duke

family reunion in Lawton, OK, so we are a bit tired. What about the information about **Lloyd Hummer** and his family?"

For some reason (probably another Senior Moment), the editor, Jan Tompkins, put **Lloyd Hummer's** November letter to KFN in the **Whitmer** Family Mailbox section of the winter newsletter, no doubt puzzling both Whitmers and Hummers. Here it is again, for those of you who missed it:

From the **Lloyd Hummer** family of LHummer32@aol.com:



"Dr. **Lloyd Hummer**, grandson of **Martha**

Kimmel Hummer, is now retired and living in Wichita. He and his wife **Mardean** share this information about their family. They have 13 grandchildren with the 14th on the way.

"Their daughter **Dena** and husband **Jack** are expecting their second child in May 2001. They and their son live in Carbondale, CO, where **Jack** is working as a structural engineer, mostly on mega homes for the wealthy. **Dena** works for the Snowmass Development Co.

"Daughter **Whitney** and her husband **Steve** and their three children live in Manhattan, KS. **Steve** practices medicine as a sub-specialist in Pulmonology. They just bought a 143-year-old house, one of the oldest in the city, and are planning to renovate it.

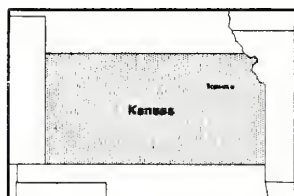
"Their daughter **Karen** is practicing Pediatrics in Portland, OR. Her husband **Ron**, who has a Ph.D. in Microbiology, is doing a 3-year-fellowship in the University of Oregon Health Science Center. They have three children.

"**Erika** their daughter, with her husband and three children, lives in Wichita, where her husband is a construction engineer.

"**Hans & Sara Hummer** and two children live in Detroit. **Hans** has his Ph.D. in Medieval History and teaches in Wayne University.

"**John Hummer**, wife **Amy**, and two sons, just moved to Las Cruces, NM, where John is administrator with a new hospital. He is in charge of building a new hospital & medical arts tower (about an \$80,000,000 project) and will be CEO of same when it is completed.

"**Chris Hummer**, the youngest son, lives in Sanford NC, where he is a hospital administrator. He is engaged to **Crystal** (who is from there) to be married in April 2002."



Josiah Kimmel descendants

From **Carolyn**

McPherson Waterman, an August 1 note, sending along a new mailing address for her dad, **Leland McPherson**:

"Dad has lived at the nursing center since the end of January this year. He thoroughly enjoys seeing and visiting with friends and relatives who stop to see him.

"Do hope this finds you well and enjoying life! Is it cooler in Missouri than in Kansas? Sure hope it cools down before school begins in a few weeks."



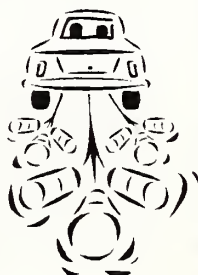
An August 22 e-note from **Mary Bower** of McLouth: "It is getting dry here. The clouds come and go and give very little rain. The soybeans need some rain to fill.

"Our garden hasn't been much, but we did have a lot of zucchini to share. I made several loaves of zucchini bread to go in the freezer. That is so nice for all of these potluck dinners that seem to be the main entertainment of our "city."

"About all the goings on except ball. We do have quite a lot of things at church.

"**Irene & Marlin** went to Lawrence with us yesterday. We make a day of it, but don't accomplish a whole lot. There is plenty do around here, but I don't accomplish much, and neither does John.

"Both of **Ruth's** sons have been married this



year, **Darin** in February and **Chris** in July.

"It sounds like you folks keep very busy, and accomplish many things. need to get some ironing done, and it is almost lunch time. We don't have many hours between breakfast and lunch, so we don't need much."

Henry H. Kimmel descendants:

Bob Bower sent a May 1 e-note from Quartzsite AZ: "Howyadoing? I trust you are doing ok. Weather here not bad. Hottest we have had is 110 degrees

Does not seem as hot as last year.

"The 100 degree days are ok to go on in the desert for a ride. Went on the longest ride Saturday, about 65-75 miles southwest. A rough trail when we started down into the west side toward the Colorado River. Finally turned around and headed back, as it was getting late in the afternoon.

"Very few people in the BLM camping areas now. Town quiet. Nice place to be.

"Do not know yet when we will head north to ??? Spending time getting things secured for the summer. Did not go to Phoenix this season. Only two trips to Mexico/Yuma. Had a good winter. Write soon."

Ken & Jan Tompkins of Columbia MO say their lives are

mostly contented and dull. They are both still working full time in the family's construction business, but more and more, the business is being run by the next generation.

December 30, 2001, will be their 41st wedding anniversary. They were married December 30, 1960, at the Wichita Church of the Brethren, with Uncle **John Bower** performing the ceremony.

These days, **Ken** keeps busy in his shop, turning out oak woodwork and round-top windows to go in the 8-10 houses they build each year.

Jan still is the full-time bookkeeper for the business, but she says that she's looking forward to retirement in a few years, so she can devote more time to newsletters, genealogy research, and making baby quilts. "But probably I just read more," she admits.

"We haven't been anywhere this year," she says, except for a trip to



Idaho Springs, ID., for the Mock family reunion (Ken's mom's family). "We went through eight states at 80 miles an hour," she claims. They crossed the Wyoming-Idaho border just south of the area where this summer's forest fires began a week later.

This fall (probably the end of October) Jan is looking forward to the annual get-together in Missouri with her sister, Virginia Mason, brother Fred Bower, niece Sharron Bower McGill, and former sister-in law Marilyn Griffin Bower and any other assorted Bowers and Tompkinses who happen to show up in Columbia, where they plan to shop all over town, eat out a lot, exchange books, and talk till all hours. "It would be wonderful if all the nieces and nephews could make it," she says, but they might have to pitch a tent in the backyard."

For two Sundays, Jan has led her church group in a discussion based on Lynn Higgs Curtis' book, "Bad Girls of the Bible," and she says she's eager to take on the sequel, "Really Bad Girls of the Bible."

"Even though we don't really seem to do anything," she says, "We always seem to be busy." This week, she's trying to get two family newsletters to

the printer, prepare for an all-church party at her house, and finish three more quilts to take to Brethren District Conference next week. Somehow, she says, it will all get done, or at least over with.



From John Bower of McLouth, a June 6 letter: "We just got the Kimmel News. I read Donald's account of the trip to Oklahoma in 1916. I remember most of what he wrote. It must be right, for he was older than I and would remember better.

"I remember swimming in the irrigation reservoir—a cement tank—at Garden City, and going out across the pastures—two ruts in the grass along a pasture fence—getting there. I also remember going into some town—I thought it was in Oklahoma, not Liberal—behind a team and wagon, and swimming in the red water of the Washita River.

"Enclosed are some clippings from the Topeka Capital-Journal about the first race at the new KCK racetrack. I

thought some of it might be of interest to Kimmel family members. I don't know how he [Frank Kimmel] is related to us, but I would guess he is.

"Several years ago Kenneth Kimmel's son was a mechanic for one of the big time auto racers — maybe Force and his 'funny car'.

"He quit so he could be home with his family. [My recollection is that his son was part of the Don 'the Snake' Prudhomme team??—Jan]

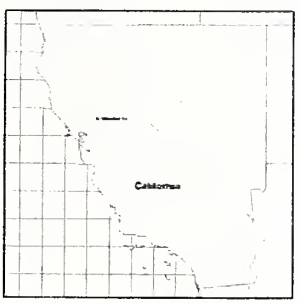
"Darin is racing this year in the 'factory stock' class. Since cars in that classification

are not supposed to be 'souped up' it costs a lot less than in other classes. Two or three weeks ago he won his class at Heartland Park in Topeka. Which reminds me, though I expect you know already, Darin and Holly are married, and Chris and Cassie will be next month. Who knows, maybe I will have some great-grandchildren yet! Mary has some nice ones which we enjoy...."



June 29, 2001, Bob and Betty Schwalm Kimmel of Fort Meyers, FL, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

A note from Julia Clark Gwynn, of Sacramento, CA on August 1:



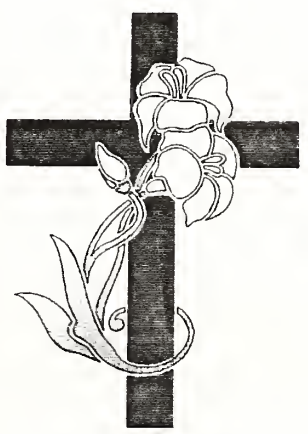
"I have no idea how much I owe for subscriptions, but here's some money.

"My children have moved around and the girls have new addresses (about a year old!) [See above for Janet Lawson and Mary Viv Lawson.]

"Janet and family live near Asheville still. Janet recently got her pilot's license and took me up in their airplane and showed me the sights.

"Mary Viv is in Alamosa working on a Master's degree in art at Adams State College.

"My news isn't so good. My husband John passed away on June 5th rather suddenly. We had been married for 31 years.

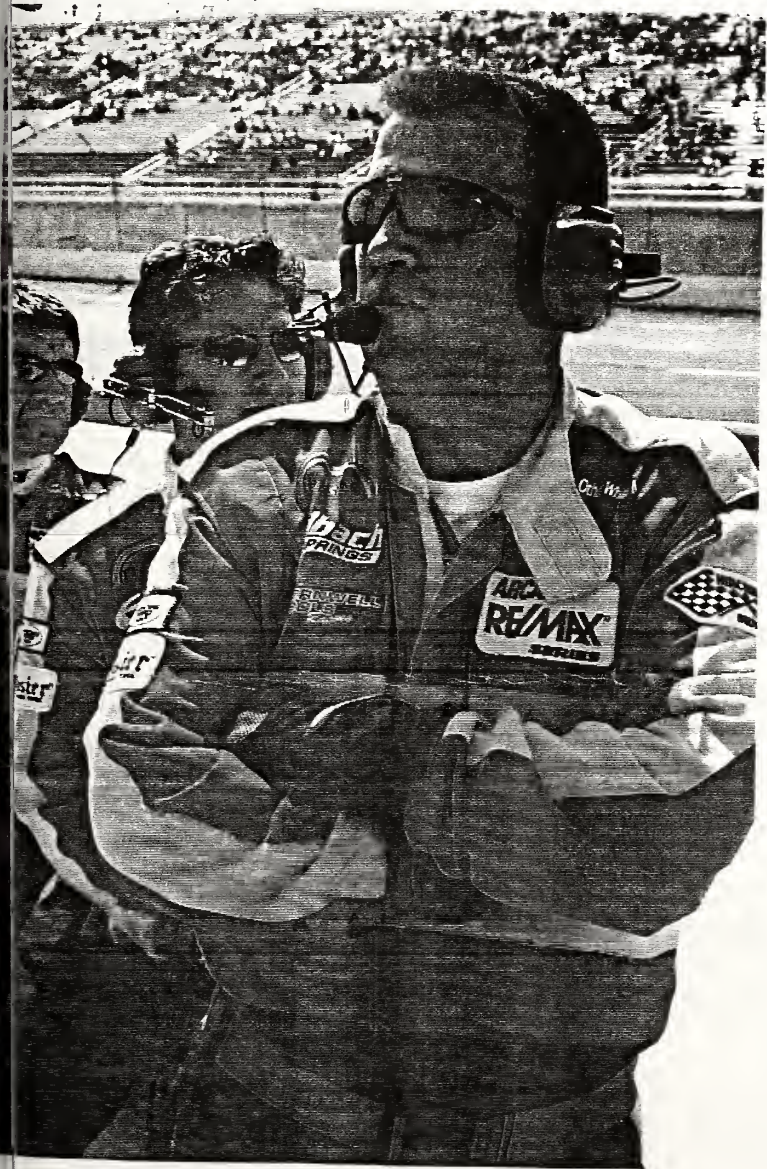


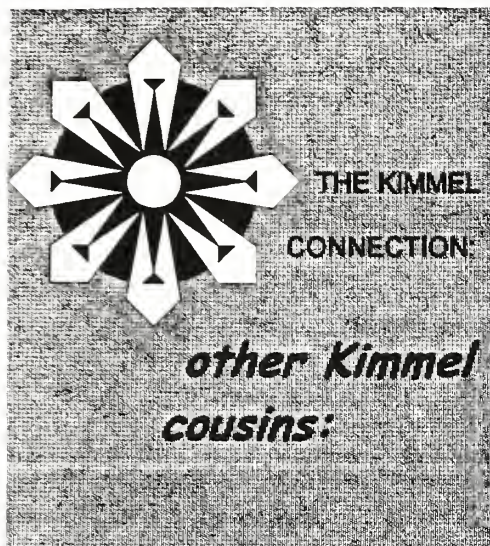
"I'm doing fine, thanks to my good Kimmel genes."

Fred Bower of Wichita is in the midst of remodeling, with some help from his daughter and son-in-law, Gary & Sharron McGill.

First he rebuilt the bathroom, then redid the kitchen. Now he's pulling up the old carpet to reclaim the hardwood flooring underneath.

Bill Kimmel Jr., of the Frank Kimmel NASCAR racing team. Photo by Brent Steele Photography.





From Joanne & Robert Kimmel: "I was so happy to see that you are still publishing the Kimmel newsletter. I found some old ones on a trip to Somerset County Historical Society. Recently I found the Kimmel website and would like to see more of the newsletters. My husband Robert is

descended from Johann Michael Kimmel. Robert Alan [9], Clyde [8], Elizabeth [7] never married, Ludwick [6], of Fayette Co. PA. John [5], Jacob [4], Philip Jr [3], Johann Philip [2], Johann Michael [1]. We searched for several years for information, then stopped at the Berlin and Somerset Historical Societies in PA to find folders and books on the family. The newsletter would be great to add to my history."

From Dennis Kimmel an e-note: "Hello, fellow Kimmels. I need to know if anyone has information on a John Oliver Kimmel, born in Dayton, OH, between the 1820s and 1840s. One of his sons was Jessie Phillip Kimmel, and one was Elmer Harold Kimmel. One of Elmer's sons is Ray Harold Kimmel, and I am Dennis Calvin Kimmel. This is the direct line from me back to John O."

A June 1 e-note from Vic & Joey Kimmel: "I am illiterate on this computer, but... here goes. The Victor Kimmel family in Leesburg, FL, and Cherokee, NC, are doing fine. My

wife Joey (68) and myself (74) are working and loving every minute of it. We have been blessed with a son and daughter. John and his wife Tammy have two children, Courtney Jo (9) and Aaron Michael (7). Dawn Kimmel Roberts and her husband John also have two children, a girl, Madison Kimmel Roberts (5) and a son Logan Kimmel Roberts (3). Our son lives in Titusville FL, where he is lieutenant in the Fire Dept. for the past 22 years and is now helping us in our business. He will be taking over when he retired in three years (if we can last that long). Ha. Our daughter lives in Crawfordville, just outside of Tallahassee, FL, where she is a lawyer at the capital of Florida. WE have all been very lucky and healthy for the most part, and feel very privileged that our business is in a field that we can travel all of the resorts in our area. Our territory is North and South Carolina, and Tennessee. Hope all well with all of the Kimmel Clan."

Beginning of Last Will of David Kimmel 1763-1827 (above)

In the name of god amen I David Kimmel of Montgomery County and state of Ohio, do consider the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory Thanks be to god for same, Do make and Publish this my Last will and Testament in the following manner and form, Imprimis it is my desire that after my Exit all my Just debts and funeral Expenses be paid without delay: then it is my will that my Estate shall be distributed as follows. Viz I have given to my son John Kimmel hundred and two acres of Land of which he is to have his share of heritage of my real Estate and his pay what he workt with me over his age, but pay out of it Two hundred dollars for which he Executed to me notes to me. Item I have given to my son David Kimmel one hundred and sixty acres of Land of section 35 Town 4 range 5 in which he is to have his share of heritage of my real Estate and what he workt over ages and pay out Two hundred dollars for which he Executed his notes to me. I have given to my son Jones Kimmel Eighty eight acres of Land

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John Bower honored at 90th birthday party

John David Bower, a great-grandson of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel, and a grandson of Henry H. & Lydia Bowman Kimmel, was honored at a birthday celebration held Saturday, December 15, 2001, just two days before he turned 90.

Kimmel kinfolk attending the reception at McLouth, KS., included John and Mary Bower; Dave, Judy, and Amanda Miller; Ken and Janice Tompkins; Bob Kimmel; Irene and Marlin McPherson; Darin Edmonds; Andrea, Mike and Rudey Lee; Michael Kimmel; Teresa Moreno; John and Zelma Sanders; Lois Uihlein, Jimmie Kimmel; Leland McPherson; Jerry McPherson; Carolyn McPherson Waterman; Charles Moffet; Marie Kimmel Moffet; Charles O. Moffet; Rick and Beverly Sanders; Muzzy; Jim and Mary Kimmel; Willard and Betty Kimmel Sampson; Bill and Mildred Kimmel; Bob and Winifred Kimmel Turner; Pat Kimmel; Fred Bower; Glenn Bower; Kerry Bower Chapman; Merry Bower; Chris and Cassie Edmonds; Jim and Ruth Bower Edmonds. Don Kimmel called from California.

An article about John appeared in the local *Oskaloosa Independent* for Thursday, December 13, 2001, a few days before the party:

BOWER TO CELEBRATE 90 REMARKABLE YEARS

by Kenneth Lassiter

(reprinted courtesy of Oskaloosa Independent)

John Bower's 90 years of life have included many opportunities for him to make society better. He has strived himself in making the best of those chances.

Bower, McLouth, will celebrate his 90th birthday, which actually occurs Dec. 7, as the guest of honor at a celebration from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the McLouth Recreation Center.

The public is invited and the organizers—John's daughter, Ruth Edmonds, and some of his grandchildren—ask that no gifts be brought.

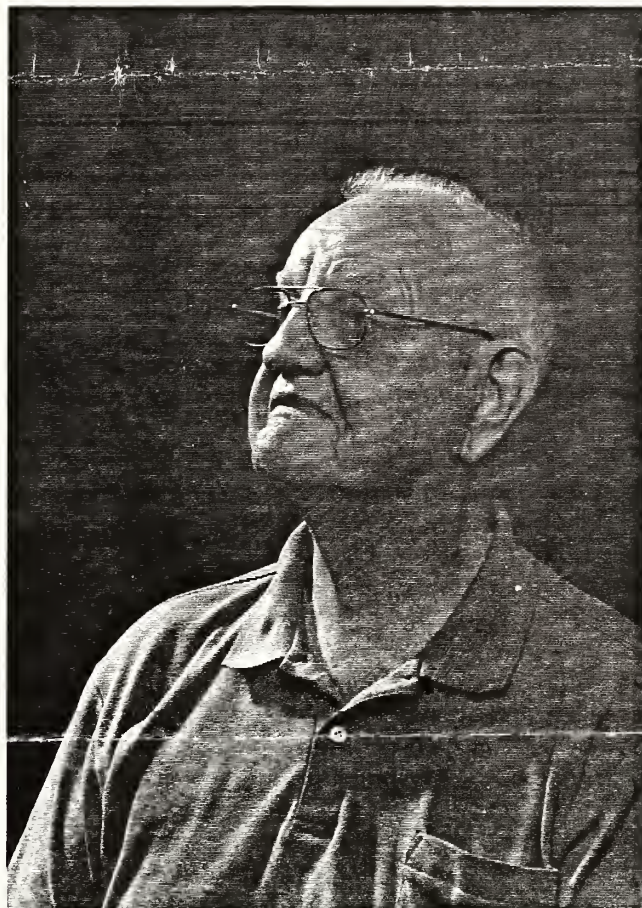
Bower's life has included ministry, politics and farming. Ministry helped establish God as the foundation on which his life has been built, while politics allowed him to make large changes in the state in the 1960s as a state representative, and farming provided a way of life that helped him realize the value of work and kept him in touch with his constituents during his 24 years as a legislator.

Bower was born in 1911 one mile west of his current home just north of McLouth on K-92 Highway. His parents, David Earl Bower and Mabel Kimmel Bower, raised John in the Church of the Brethren in McLouth. While he was in high school, the church congregation voted for him to become a "free minister" in the church. He served in that position until the [McLouth] church was disorganized in the 1970s.

"I was one of the last of the free ministers, which meant you were elected out of the congregation," Bower said. "The most salary I ever got as a minister in those 30 years was about \$30 a month."

Bower said the demise of the church, which had a congregation made up mostly of his extended family, came about because of a rash of boy births among the family.

"Following my birth into the 1920s everybody had boys," Bower said. "You couldn't marry within the church



because you were all related so you had to look elsewhere. We all married good girls, so they all went to different churches and had their own church loyalties. If you had children, they went with your wife to church and some of the young men had to leave to get jobs, and rather than let the church die, we disorganized it."

His service as a minister in the church allowed him to attend college at McPherson College, from which he graduated in 1938 with a degree in history and philosophy. He also married his first wife, Agnes [Black], who would later see John convert to the Baptist church after the disorganization of the [McLouth] Church of the Brethren.

After graduating from McPherson with a debt of \$250 in student loans, Bower returned to McLouth and farmed with his father and served a couple terms on the local school board, which, unknown to Bower at the time, began a long career in politics.

"I was always interested in what went on with the Legislature," Bower said. "I had an uncle, Ray Kimmel, and one of my mother's cousins, Claude Kimmel, who encouraged me to run for the state House of Representatives. I went around to Oskaloosa and Valley Falls to talk to some people and got encouragement there and filed for the seat. The next day or so one of the county commissioners filed for it and if I had known he was going to file, I probably wouldn't have filed. I ran for the Legislature in 1952 and got elected 12 times."

One of Bower's earliest and biggest fights was against liquor-by-the-drink in Kansas. When he entered the legislature, Kansas had 3.2 beer but forbade open saloons. Liquor-by-the-drink eventually became legal in the state, but not before Bower and other "dry" supporters delayed the matter until the 1960s.

"I was raised a tee-totaler and, contrary to what you may have been told, Prohibition worked in Kansas," Bower said. "Kansas was dry enough that I saw so little drunkenness that to this day I don't recognize what's wrong with someone who's drunk unless they're pretty well soused."

After Prohibition was repealed in 1933, Bower said the dry forces were somewhat disorganized. The main two organizations in Kansas battling liquor-by-the-drink were the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Kansas United Dry Forces. Bower said he was one of the first legislators to take an open stand against liquor.

"I took an open stand and made it a viable cause," Bower said. "Roy Holloman, who was a state supporter for the United Dry Forces said at the time, 'then the Lord sent us John Bower.' We fought a long battle. It's unbelievable how much change there has been over the years in the attitude toward alcohol from when I grew up."

Bower also played a large role in water preservation and school district reorganization in the state as well as organization of the regional library system and the desegregation efforts in Kansas in the 1960s.

Bower served as chair of the water resources committee during his first several terms in legislature and helped rewrite the water preservation regulations. He also took part in authorizing state participation in reservoirs like those at Perry Lake, Junction City and on Wolf Creek. Another of Bower's more memorable contributions was the Rural Water District Act.

"At that time if you were a farmer it took as much as 40 per cent of your monthly water bill just to pay the taxes

on it," Bower said. "The federal bureaucracy came to us and we said, 'City people don't pay taxes on their water lines, why should farmers?' In 1956 or '57, after we made that non-taxable, rural water districts were springing up all over the state.

Bower's contributions to state education as chairman of the education committee in the 1960s were just as far-reaching. He helped pass a bill for state financial aid to high schools and put the schools on the property tax bills.

"It was a matter of equalization," Bower said. "That way everybody carries their load for taking care of our children. At that time the big push was getting typewriters in first-grade classrooms. Now it's computers."

Bower's efforts also helped organize the state college system and, to a larger scale, the state's school districts.

"When I went to the Legislature, there were over 2,000 school districts in the state," Bower said. "My problem was to design a plan for reorganization that could do what was needed to be done and could still get me re-elected. Most of the schools didn't have enough students to get quality education at a reasonable cost."

The committee's first plan for reorganization was soundly voted down statewide. The plan was rewritten and came up for another vote.

"The first plan was invalidated by the courts because it had no state superintendent involved," Bower said. "We made the second one so everything had to be approved by a state superintendent. After the first vote, I couldn't have been elected dog catcher. On the second plan, I went to the local leaders and said, 'This may be the last opportunity you have to preserve a high school in McLouth.' Suddenly the climate around here thawed and the plan carried."

The reorganization pared the school districts from 2,000 to 300 and took Bower two terms to accomplish.

Bower said the most important issue supported in his tenure as a legislator may have been the regional library system. The librarian from Johnson County and a woman from the University of Kansas faculty had come to Oskaloosa to study the difference between small towns and cities in regard to the lifestyles of the young people. They also came to the Legislature in regard to local libraries.

"We devised a regional library system," Bower said. "It put everybody in a library district. The library is the basic

educational institution. In theory, if you closed the schools and kept the library open, people could still educate themselves. That might be the best thing I've been involved in and I was glad to be able to persuade the Legislature to adopt it."

Civil rights was also a big issue in the 1960s in Kansas and also was a matter of faith to Bower. He played a role in outlawing segregation in restaurants in the state.

"During the '50s and '60s we had to put together a majority to get the restaurant issue out of committee," Bower said. "The Legislature adopted my report and we got a majority to pass the issue. I believed that God made one blood of all people. Whether you're white or black or whatever, you deserve and get equal rights."

Life at home on the farm also had an effect on Bower's political life, as a corn picker accident in the 1960s resulted in the amputation of his right leg below the knee. An insurance representative offered Bower between \$1,500 and \$2,000 a few days after the accident to keep him from suing the insurance company. Bower held out and later received \$25,000.

"The accident happened Thanks-giving week," Bower said. "It took an hour for them to get me out of the machine. They took me to the hospital and had one last pint of blood left. It happened to be my type. I decided the Lord was willing to let me lose my leg but not my life. I was determined to get to the legislative session in mid-January and I made it.

"We had a bill come from the labor committee during one of my terms that had to do with workers' compensation. It said an injured person couldn't agree to any settlement on their injury before 90 days had passed. I got up and told the people of my experience and the bill passed. After that I always had labor support."

When Agnes developed rheumatoid arthritis over time and the disease began to wear her down, Bower decided not to run for re-election. His last term ended in 1976 and Bower concentrated on wheat, corn and grain sorghum farming until he gave that up in the early 1990s.

Agnes passed away in 1988 and Bower married Mary Kimmel in 1989. Mary and her late husband, [John Wilbur] Kimmel, had been friends with the Bowers for many years before [John W.] died in 1987. John and Agnes had two adopted children —[Ruth Bower] Edmonds, McLouth, and Ronald Bower, Portland, Ore.

Bower has remained active even in retirement. He recently resigned from

the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging advisory board and has also served many years in the McLouth Kiwanis chapter, the county historical society and the state Republican party. He is also active in the First Baptist Church in McLouth and the Heart of America Antique Steam Engine and Model Association.

Bower and his friendly personality lent itself toward success in politics and made the 24 years of service worthwhile.

"I guess the Lord gave me the temperament not to get mad at people," Bower said. "If people like you, they're more liable to go along with what you're doing than not. Sometimes you have to be an SOB but most times you don't have to fight with people. I don't like to fight.

He said that, looking back, he was involved in some large changes in the state.

"I think I've done a fairly good job and served my generation in several ways," Bower said. "I can think of a lot of things I should have done and could have done but on the other hand I've accomplished many thing. Basically I'm a farmer but had an important influence in Legislature. I think the Lord has blessed my efforts."

DEATHS



Leland McPherson

1910 - 2002

Leland McPherson, a great-grandson of David and Leah

Riegel Kimmel, died Wednesday, January 9, at Providence Medical Center in Kansas City, KS, after a long illness.

The son of Walter Guy and Ruby Coral Kimmel McPherson, Leland was born November 17, 1910, near McLouth, KS. He graduated from the local high school in 1929 and attended Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio, for one year. He and Mildred Beatrice Osborn were married February 13, 1937, at McLouth. Mrs. McPherson died July 17, 1984.

A lifelong resident of the McLouth area, Leland was a farmer and served as a custodian in McLouth schools for more than 30 years, retiring in 1994.

Leland's survivors include sons Jerry McPherson of Tonganoxie, KS, and Larry McPherson of Eudora, KS; and daughter Carolyn McPherson Waterman of Washington, KS. A brother, Marlin McPherson, lives in Oskaloosa, KS.

Leland's seven grandchildren are Richard Lee McPherson, Mark Alan McPherson, and Krista Sue Robertson; Sylvia Dawn McPherson, Janatha Renae McCullough, and Franklin Leroy McPherson; and Steven Neil Waterman. There are nine great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested memorial gifts to McLouth United Methodist Church or to Tonganoxie Nursing Center's Resident Fund, sent c/o Barnett Funeral Home, Post Office Box 416, Oskaloosa, KS, 66066.

Services were held Saturday morning, January 12, at McLouth United Methodist Church, with burial in the McLouth Cemetery.



Richard L. Kimmel

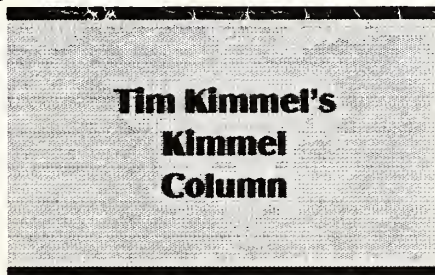
1927 - 2001

Richard L. Kimmel, 74, died August 30, at his residence on

North Perry Street, Orwigsburg, PA. Services were held at Hamilton Funeral Home in Orwigsburg, with burial in Schuylkill Memorial Park, Schuylkill Haven.

He was the husband of Marjorie E. (Fritz) Kimmel. Born in Orwigsburg, he was a son of the late Abner and Olive M. (Klock) Kimmel. He was the owner of Kimmel & Son Well Drilling Service, Orwigsburg, for 49 years, retiring in 1989. Kimmel was a member of the Congregational Free Church of Christ, McKeansburg, Schuylkill County, and was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was predeceased by a son, Richard L. Kimmel Jr., in 1968, and a daughter, Susan M. Kimmel Bolinski in 1989. Survivors include a daughter, Sheryl L. Kimmel Deal, and two sons, Wallace P. and Michael R. Kimmel, all of Orwigsburg. Other survivors include three sisters: Jane Kimmel Schlear of Orwigsburg; Patricia Kimmel Mantz of Brookhaven, PA; and Henriette Kimmel Boyl, Magnolia, NJ. There are 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



Tim Kimmel's Kimmel Column

UPDATE ON ADMIRAL KIMMEL'S RESTORATION OF RANK: Efforts are renewed to coax President Bush into honoring the request of Congress to promote **Admiral Kimmel** and

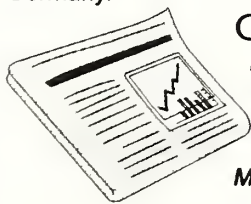
General Short to their highest WWII ranks. Supporters in this cause are urged to call the White House "Comment Line," 1-202-456-1111, and request the operator to tell the President to honor the above request. Please pass this message to others you think might be interested. To view the January 10, 2002, from **Admiral Husband Kimmel's son, Edward R. "Ned" Kimmel** to President Bush: <http://www2.fwi.com/~tkimmel/ERK03.htm#Jan2002>

KIMMEL IMMIGRANTS OF THE 19TH CENTURY

Kimmel arrivals 1871-1880:

John Henry Kummel of Grey County, Ontario - 1871 - (Germany).
 Frank Kimmel of Chicago, IL - 1871 - Bohemia.
 John Kimmel of Boston, MA - 1871 - Bavaria.
 John Kimel of Syracuse, NY - 1871 - Saxony.
 Jacob Kimmel of Allegheny (Pittsburgh) PA - 1871 - Prussia.
 Charles Kimmel of Gasconade County, MO - 1873 - Bavaria.
 Fred Kimmel of Omaha, NE - 1872 (Germany).
 Louis Kummel of Brooklyn NY - 1873 - Prussia.
 Adam Kimmel of Baltimore MD - 1873 - (Germany).
 Charles Keimle of NYC, NY - New Jersey 1873 - Wurttemberg.
 Jacob Kimmel of New Castle, PA - 1873 - (Germany).
 John Kimmel of Northumberland County, PA - 1874 - Austria.
 Christian Kumel of Ripley County, IN - 1874 - (Germany).
 Philip Kumle of McPherson County, Kansas - 1874 (Germany).
 George Kimmel of Buffalo NY - 1875 - (Germany).
 John Kimmel of Reading, PA - 1875 - Bavaria.
 Robert Kimmel of St. Louis MO - 1875 - Dresden (Germany).
 Charles Kummel of Hartford, CT - 1875 - (Germany).
 John Gustave Kuemmel of St. Louis MO - 1875 - Prussia.
 Christian Kimmel of Seward County, Nebraska - 1876 - Prussia.
 John Kimmel of Allentown, PA - 1876 - (Germany).
 John Kimmel of East Mauch Chunk, PA - 1877 - Hungary.
 Bathage Kummel of NYC, NY - 1877 - Baden.
 Charles Kimmel of Brooklyn, NY - 1877 - (Germany).
 Adam Kiemle of Richmond County NY - 1878 - Wurttemberg.
 John Kummel of NYC NY, 1878- Bohemia.
 Christian Kimmle of Lancaster OH - 1879 - Wurttemberg.
 John Keemele of Chicago, IL - 1879 - (Germany).
 Joseph M. Kuehmel of Syracuse, NY - Ohio 1879 - Austria.
 Joseph Kemmel of Cincinnati, OH - 1879 - (Germany).
 Charles Kimmill of Boston, MA - 1880- Bavaria.
 Christian Kimmel of NYC NY - 1880 - (Germany)
Kimmel arrivals 1881-1890:
 Frederick Casimir Kimmel of South Bend, IN - Baltimore 1881- Prussia.
 Frank Kimmel of Manitowac County, WI - 1881 - Bohemia.
 Ferd Kimmel of Detroit, MI - 1881 - (Germany).
 John J. Kimmel of Detroit, MI - 1882 -

(Germany).
 John Kimmel of St. Louis MO - 1881 - (Germany).
 Ferdinand Kimmel of Brooklyn, NY - 1882 (Germany).
 Henry Kimmel of Rome, NY - 1882 - (Germany).
 Michael Kimmel of Philadelphia PA - 1882 - Austria.
 Charles Kimmel of Hennepin County, MN - 1883 - (Germany).
 Henry Kimmel of Norfolk County, MA - N H - 1883 - (Germany).
 August Kimmel of Albany NY - 1883 - (Germany).
 Jacob Kimmel of Philadelphia PA - 1883 (Germany).
 Fishel Kimmel of Philadelphia PA - 1884 - Austria.
 Herman Kimmel of NYC NY - 1885 - Austria. Ernst Kimmel of Dewitt County, TX - 1885 - (Germany).
 Joseph Kimmel of Peoria, IL - 1886 - (Germany).
 Frank J. Kimmel of Saginaw, MI - 1886 - (Germany).
 Valentine Kimmel of Clackamas County, OR - 1886 - (Germany).
 Max Kimmel of NYC NY - 1886 - Austrian Poland.
 Max Kimmel of Baltimore MD - 1887 - Russia.
 Carl Kimmel of Canyonville, OR - 1887 - Germany.
 Adam Kimmel of Caseyville, IL - 1887 - Germany.
 Frank Kimmel of Detroit MI - 1888 - Bohemia.
 John Keimele of Dawes County, NE - 1888 - (Germany).
 Jacob Kuemmel of Philadelphia PA - 1888 - (Germany).
 Jacob Kimmel of Chicago, IL - PA 1889 - Romania.
 Andrew Kimmel of Baltimore MD - 1889 - Germany.
 Richard Kimmel of Orange NJ - 1889 - (Germany).
 Anthony Kummel of Brooklyn NY - 1889 - (Germany).
 Frederick Kummel of Brooklyn NY 1889 - Germany.
 Benjamin Kimmel of Lancaster PA - 1889 - Russia.
 John L. Kimmel of Louisville KY - 1890 - Austria.
 Thomas Kimmel of Rochester NY - 1890 - Germany.



OLD NEWS
*News items from the
 McLouth Times,
 McLouth KS, and
 (occasionally) the
 McLouth Champion.*

January 12, 1894

"**Josiah Kimmel** left for his home in Litchfield, Ill, Monday after visiting friends for about two weeks."

A J Bowman's name appears as newly elected Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School.

February 16, 1894

"**Abe Bowman** and Chas Shrader went to Kansas City Thursday to buy feeders."

May 11, 1894

The primary school for McLouth reported 54 students "for the sixth month." Pupils not absent during that time included **Walter Bowman** and **Lettie Kimmell**.

June 8, 1894

"Capt. Morley is erecting a large barn for **Abe Bowman** northwest of town."

June 15, 1894

"In a thunder storm on last Sunday afternoon the lightning struck the southeast corner of **Andy Bowman's** store, knocking off some shingles, etc., but no serious damage was done."

July 20, 1894

"**Abe Bowman's** wife's sister who has been visiting with them for the past two months left last Monday."

August 3, 1894

"**James** and **Mrs. Cross** are very proud of the little lady that came Wednesday to reside with them, while **John H. Bowman** wears the honors of grand father with becoming dignity."

"**Rev. Joseph [Josiah?] Kimmel** and **Mrs. G M Woodhead** left here Tuesday, for Morrill, Kansas to attend a conference of the Progressive Dunkard church, which is now holding its session."

"**J H Bowman** and **G W Woodhead** left here yesterday morning for Morrill, Kansas to attend a conference of the Progressive Dunkards."

"**Willie Bowman** has a new wheel of which he is justly proud."

"**Andy Whitmer** made a business trip to Winchester Saturday."

August 31, 1894

"The making of sorghum is going along at a lively rate in this vicinity this week, eight mills having been hauled away from the Northwestern depot, last Monday morning, that had arrived the night before consigned to **J. H. Bowman**."

"**J. H. Bowman** made a business trip to Kansas City and St. Louis last Friday and Saturday."

September 1, 1894

The troops that were sent from Fort Leavenworth to Chicago at the time of the strike trouble in July, returned to the post Tuesday forenoon.

September 7, 1894

"**Andy Bowman** was carrying his face in a sling the first of the week, on account of an ulcerated tooth."

October 12, 1894

"The finest and cheapest lot of millinery goods ever shown here. Latest styles. **Mrs. Sykes & Daughter**."

October 26, 1894

"**Mrs. Barbara Bowman** went to Osawkie last Saturday, to visit her sister, **Mrs. John Royer**."

December 21, 1894

"**Mrs. David Kimmel** is very ill at the family residence in the northern part of the city."

"Church Dedication."

"On Sunday next, at 11 a.m., December 23, 1894, the Dunkards will formally dedicate their new church in

this city. The sermon will be preached by Rev. E. VanEman [Vaniman], president of the Dunkard college at McPherson, Kansas.

"The edifice is a fine structure 32x48 feet with an entry on the side 8x8 feet, which is extended upward and constitutes the belfry. The flooring is on the improved plan, that is it raises in height as it recedes from the pulpit, so that those in the rear part of the house can see as well as those in front. The building cost about \$2000.

"It is the intention to hold a series of meetings for a number of days. On Christmas day there will be three services, at 2, 5, and 7 p.m., at the latter communion services will be observed.

"A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend every service."

January 4, 1895

"Obituary."

"**KIMMEL**."

Died, in McLouth, December 29, 1894. **Leah**, wife of **David Kimmel**, aged 66 years, 8 months, and 2 days. Miss **Leah Riegel** was born in Berks county, Pa., April 27, 1828. At the age of four years, in 1832, her parents moved to Montgomery county, Ohio. On January 18, 1849, she was married to **David Kimmel**, who now survives her. In September of the same year both husband and wife united with the German Baptist Brethren Church of which she was a member at her death.

"In the year 1864 they moved to Kansas, and the following year they moved to Sangamon county, Illinois, where they resided until 1886, when they again moved here and made this township their home. Seven children, two boys and five girls were born of this union, as follows: **Susan R. Black** of Auburn, Ills., **Jesse R.** [sic] and **Henry H. Kimmel**, **Sarah E.**, wife of **A J Bowman**, **Martha A.**, wife of **Clem Hummer**, **Mary A.**, wife of **Andrew Whitmer**, and **Rosa I.**, wife of **D W Whitmer**, all but the first named reside in this township, and all were with her during the illness and death of their mother.

"The funeral was held in the new Dunkard church on Sunday, December 30, 1894, the sermon being preached by Rev J A Root of Ozawkie. The remains were interred on the family lot in the new cemetery, followed by a large number of sorrowing friends.

"The deceased was the only daughter in her father's family, the first one to be married; hers was the first death in the **Kimmel** family, first funeral in the new church, and the first one to be buried in the family burying lot. She lived a consistent Christian and died in the knowledge that her redeemer liveth."

January 11, 1895

"There was a reunion of the **Kimmel family** at the residence of David Kimmel, in this city, yesterday

afternoon, at which some seventy-five were present. **The group was photographed.**"

A New Sunday School.
On last Sunday afternoon the Dunkards organized a Sunday school in their new church in this city. The attendance was quite large. The following officers were elected:
Supt. - **H H Kimmel.**
Asst. - **W T Stout**
Secretary - **Rosa Kimmel.**
Treasurer - **Lona Stout.**
Chorister - **Lucy Woodhead."**

January 18, 1895
Family Reunion.
On Thursday of last week there was a family reunion at the residence of **David Kimmel** in this city, which was attended by all his children and nearly all his grandchildren. Those present were **Mrs. Black** of Auburn, Ills., **J R Kimmel** and wife and three children, **H H Kimmel** and wife and seven children, **Clem Hummer** and wife and nine children, **A J Bowman** and wife and three children, **A W Whitmer** and wife and four children, and **D W Whitmer** and wife and four children, making as follow: 5 daughters, 2 sons, 2 daughters-in-law, 4 sons-in-law (Mr. Black not being present), 30 grandchildren, which with **Mr. Kimmel** himself made a family group of forty-four that were photographed by Mr. Foster. It is seldom that so large a number of members of one family are gathered together."

J H Bowman and **H M Reynolds** have been attending the annual convention of complement men at Kansas City this week."

January 25, 1895
Abe Bowman has purchased of George Woodhead three acre lots in the eastern part of the city, and will proceed to build a residence thereon."

W W Williams has purchased of **A J Bowman** the property that was long occupied by Harry Dallas, and has moved into it with his own possessions."

February 1, 1895
The revival at the Dunkard church closed last Sunday night."

D W Whitmer took a car of cattle to the Kansas City market Tuesday morning."

Abe Bowman will sell his stock and farm implements at auction on Saturday, February 23, 1895."

For the Needy.
Below we give a list of the contributions that filled a car here this week..." Among the contributors "for the Nebraska sufferers" these familiar names (other names omitted):

Josiah Kimmel 12 bu. corn, clothes."
H H Kimmel, 10 bu corn."
Harry Bowman 5 do"
Abe Bowman 8 bu wheat."
A S Bowman clothing"
C S Hummer" 100 lbs flour.

"**A W Whitmer** 10 do"
"**D W Whitmer** 5 do"

"**Mr. Kimmel of Ruble**, has canvassed this neighborhood the past few days, selling a blacksmith outfit."

March 28, 1895
"**Henry Kimmel** and **Mr. Gish**, of McLouth bought the Patsey Curry farm, three miles east of here last Saturday. They paid \$3,000 but the place had no improvements. **Mr. Kimmel** manages to buy a farm every year or two raising corn, and says he will make enough out of his new purchase in two years to pay for it. -*Tonganoxie Mirror.*"
[March 29, 1895, *McLouth Tribune*, page 1, carries the same item. Thanks to **Janet Arvidson** for sending it.]

May 3, 1895, *McLouth Tribune*:
"**Henry Kimmel**, a thrifty farmer living near our city, informs us that he raised 12,000 bushels of corn last year. Reflect on these figures for a moment if you please and then say if you think farming is a failure in this part of Kansas." [Thanks to **Janet Arvidson** for this clipping.]

May 17, 1895
"**Elder David Kimmel** left here Wednesday evening for Ozawkie, to assist in a series of meetings."

"**W T Stout** and wife, **A W Whitmer** and wife, **J R Kimmel** and wife, **Mrs. J H Bowman** and Miss **Rosa Kimmel**, left here Saturday for Fairview, sixteen miles south west of Lawrence, to attend a church meeting of the Progressive Dunkards. Part returned home Sunday night while the others remained until Monday."

June 14, 1895
"A recent letter from **Will Bowman**, who is visiting relatives in Illinois, contained the information that one day last week he rode one hundred and five miles in ten hours on his bicycle. Pretty good."

"Just before noon Tuesday, **Mrs. J H Bowman** received a telegram from Auburn, Illinois, announcing the dangerous illness of her father, **Daniel Shoemaker**. She left on the Northwestern train the same afternoon."

June 21, 1895
"John Warner and wife from near Salem, Ohio, have been here sometime visiting her sister, **Mrs. Barbara Bowman**. They and **Mrs. Bowman** went to Osawkie to visit another sister, **Mrs. John Royer**, and the three sisters came back here and have been enjoying a pleasant visit among other relatives."

June 28, 1895 **Mrs. Abe Bowman** arrived here Wednesday morning from a visit with her parents [Elder & **Mrs. Benjamin B. Whitmer**] in Gove county.

"**Mrs. J H Bowman** and **Mrs. Cal Miller** arrived home yesterday morning from a sad trip to Auburn Illinois, where they buried

their father **Daniel Shoemaker."**

July 26, 1895
Henry Kimmel's youngest child, **Annie**, is very sick."

"**Abe Bowman** is having rock and sand hauled to commence work on the foundation of his new home, in the east part of the city."

"**John Black** and **Willie Bowman**, accompanied by Misses **Black** and **Brubaker**, drove over to Winchester, Sunday afternoon."

September 6, 1895
"**Andy Whitmer** is fitting up a driving park on his farm just north of this city."

Miss **Lettie Whitmer**, whose home is at Quinter, Kansas, left here Monday morning to Holton, to attend college. She had been sometime visiting her sister **Mrs. Abe Bowman**.-*McLouth Times.*

"**A J Bowman** and **Mrs. Dr. Rankin** went to Kickapoo Tuesday afternoon to attend a meeting of the Baptist association."

"**Mrs. Emma Peacock** of Stafford, Kansas, arrived here last Saturday on a visit to her sister **Mrs. J F Gish** and her cousins the **Kimmels** and **Bowmans**."

"**J H Bowman** is now having rock hauled on his lots in the southern part of the city, to be used for a well and also the foundation of a residence which he contemplates building next spring."

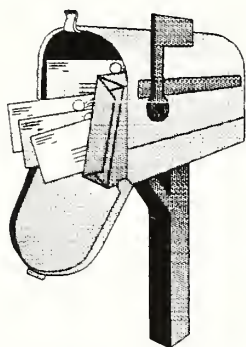
September 20, 1895
"Married. **Kimmel - Shuck.**
Married in Lawrence, Kansas, Thursday, September 12, 1895, by Bishop **T C Winey** of the Dunkard church, **Elder David Kimmel** of this city to **Mrs. Sarah Shuck** of Lawrence. **Elder Kimmel** and his bride arrived here Thursday evening and took supper with his daughter, **Mrs. A J Bowman**, after which they went to his home in the northern part of the city. The marriage was in the nature of a surprise to his friends, as he had notified no one of his intended marriage. The newly wedded pair seem happy in their new state and are at home to their friends."



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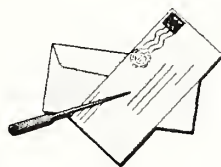
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Family mailbox

Mary Anne Kimmel Whitmer

From **Bonnie T. Winters**, we have a December note giving us updated addresses for her son, **Timothy Winters** in Greensburg, PA, and her daughter, **Amma Winters Rios** in Aurora, CO. Also, another article in the *Wall Street Journal* about Pearl Harbor and **Admiral Kimmel** for your review. Thank you again for your excellent newsletter. I look forward to receiving it each and every edition."



Henry Harrison Kimmel



An August 27 e-note from **Glenn Bower**, c11man@networkspl.us.net: "...Did you go see *Pearl*

Harbor? I thought they did a great job with the movie and our relative **Admiral Kimmel** was vindicated somewhat. Don't know if mom told you, but I went to work for...Sam's Club last month or so and am at the brand new store at 135th and 69 Highway in Overland Park, KS. This is going to be one of the largest stores they have volume-wise... We had the second highest ever opening day in Sam's history, with Plano, TX, beating us by just a few thousand. We had around \$325,000 on that first Thursday and over 1.5 million for the four days of Thursday to Sunday....

"I'm fine and enjoying the KC area. Home building has picked back up here with the loan rate drops. How about in your area?"

An e-note from **Bob Bower** in Arizona September 19: "We are back in Quartzsite. It is still hot here. Today 110 degrees. Hottest we have had was 122 degrees. Needless to say, we spend the afternoons inside. I have been overhauling the VW engine. Getting ready for the season. Oct. and Nov. are usually the best weather to ride in the desert here.



"Had a good vacation again. Spent time seeing out of the way places and saw some outstanding petroglyphs in Utah. Went to the Grand Canyon north side. Rained both days. Forest fire closed road to best viewing point. Reserving judgment on which is best, north or south. Saw new areas of Zion National Park. Cedar Breaks National Park and lots of other places. Spent time in Las Vegas too.

"Put up a new 9 x 10 storage shed to hold my shop and tools. I'm going to buy more cement paving blocks to extend our patio, so it's time to work, and play later.

"Flying our flag over the disasters. Time for the USA to not turn the other cheek..."

A nice fat e-mail from **Jack & Diane Mason** in Kobe, Japan, bringing us up to date on what they've been doing (and where): "All, sorry for not writing sooner...but did want to get a note out to you. Life has been extremely busy here in Japan since we went on home leave July (Australia, USA and Sweden). That's been nearly two months ago, but much has happened here and around the world.



"August: 1. Kids went back to school at Canadian Academy. **Aaron** in 5th, **Jessica** in 8th and **Tiffany** in 10th grade.

"2. Many holidays in Japan, so had some time to catch up on things around the house. It takes quite a few days to catch up on all the finances of a 5-week home leave, where you visit 3 countries and buy for a year (clothes, videos, VD, books, etc). That equates to 17-14 x 14 x 14 inch boxes shipped back to Japan. These go by sea, so they take anywhere from 4 weeks to 10 weeks. We have all but the last, which is going on 8 weeks.

"3. Had a typhoon come pretty close, but only had a little rain for us (we needed it, too). Since three other families were on home leave we closed all their shutters and moved the loose outside items into the house. No damage, but we had fun moving things in and out.

"4. **Diane's** classes at the club resume. Every week she has aerobics, tennis and weight lifting. My exercise is walking up the hill to our house and walking to and from work to the train station every day.

"5. Several Cat families moved back to the States and several new families arrived. Most are from Peoria, one from Aurora, and one from France.

"September: 1. Went golfing with fellow Shin Caterpillar Mitsubishi employees. About 22 of us showed up at the course near Himeji in the mountains about 8:30 a.m. We went on a Friday because it was a vacation day from work, but not a Japanese holiday. Rates are much less, only about \$125 to play (including lunch). It was lovely weather—raining hard. We almost didn't play.

"The first foursome teed off at 9 a.m., and it rained hard from 9 a.m. until 10:00 or so. All the Japanese had rain suits. I borrowed a jacket. My game is very bad, so I didn't figure the rain could hurt me. It didn't hurt my drives, when they were in the air, but when they hit the ground, there was no rolling. It rained nearly all day, but more lightly until 3 p.m. or so. We played 9 holes, ate lunch, and then played another 9. My first 9 score of 94 was normal for me.

Remember, this is only the third time I have played 18 holes in my life, and all these have been in Japan. The courses are very narrow in the mountains, with steep slopes, ravines, many trees and a few lakes. The Lord had mercy on me, and I started getting things a little more together the last 9, where my score was about 65 or so. There was one hole I know the Lord had the angels helping me. There was a lake between the tee and the hole. So I drove the ball, just hitting the edge of the water, but it didn't sink; it skimmed off the water like a rock and on to the green. Thank you, Lord.

"We finished up, hit the Onsen (public bath). In the Onsen you wash first and then go sit in the hot water. Very relaxing. Next we go to the party afterwards. Everybody get a prize. I got the same prize as last year. The last place. This year I was only a few strokes from the next person, though. I also was much improved between the first 9 and the last 9.

"2. Church picnic at the Kobe Winery. Sounds good for a Baptist church, doesn't it? Actually, it is one of the Kobe city parks located among the vineyards, where there is a distillery, among other things. We were going to have our picnic at the barbecue pits. Not exactly like what I thought. You have hundreds of tables in a covered building (almost like several large sheds). The roof was canvas. Good

thing, because it rained that day also. The tables are gas-operated cast iron spherical grills. You buy meat and vegetables nearby and then place the small strips of beef and vegetables on the grill. You cook and eat using your chopsticks. Each person had one set in our family. Cost was only \$100. Not to worry, we didn't partake of the wine. We bought lemonade for everyone. Actually, we had about 15 people.

"3. Tuesday night, September 11, went to sleep, not knowing anything was happening in the States. Wednesday morning did my usual check of the CNN headlines on the net and read e-mail. I could not believe what I saw, until I read further. That was all we talked about on the train into work. I had an English class that morning with several of the guys. The topic of discussion was easy. Next I had a two-hour Japanese session. Again, the topic of discussion was easy. We had a staff meeting of which the only subject discussed was the terrorist attack., several of our employees who were traveling, and what to do with the visitors we had. It was a short meeting, but allowed an opportunity to pray for our families, country and president.

"4. Since we are still without a pastor, I had the opportunity and privilege to preach in both the morning and evening services last week. I thought I knew what the Lord wanted me to preach on, but after the terrorist attacks Tuesday in the States, I did some revision and added a different message for the PM service. I didn't feel as prepared as an engineer would like to be, but I felt I selected the passages the Lord wanted, and spent all my spare time on the messages. The morning service is bilingual in both Japanese and English, so I needed to write out my sermon completely to allow the interpreter to see it. The message was on Moses, Exodus chapter 2. The intro. I read two e-mails I got from Christian friends who had friends affected by the terrorist activities. ... The church message was about how Moses helped people and how we should take the opportunities to be helping people now. People need to know that Jesus died for them to give them eternal life. We need to take the opportunities to help people physically and spiritually. The PM message was on Psalm 37:1-11. These verses tell us not to focus on the wicked but focus on God and fully living for Him.

5. Took Tuesday off to go spend time with the Spears, whose three-year-old daughter, Rebekah, had her second medical procedure on her heart at Osaka University Hospital (about 2 hours away). This procedure...helped but it likely means another open heart surgery within a year. Please pray for Rebekah and her parents.

6. On Wednesday, went to CONET in Tokyo with one of the engineers in my division. Japanese Construction Machine Show. Not quite as big as the years before, since the construction market is considerably down in Japan. We left at 7 a.m., got to Tokyo at 111 a.m. Had a quick lunch (curry rice) and spent 4 hours in the show. Left at 6 p.m., had a chick and rice obento (boxed lunch) and got home about 10:30 p.m. Prepared for next week's message, did my quiet time, and reviewed the engineering budget on the train.

...Wanted to let you know that we are alive

and healthy in Japan. Plenty busy. But God is in control, and I am glad he is.—Jack, Diane, Tiffany, Jessica, Aaron Mason"



A September 28 e-mail from **Janet Arvidson**: "...My family had a wonderful vacation this summer. We left Kansas City and went to Louisville, KY, to see

Churchill Downs, on to Louisville to see the horse farms and tour Clairborne Farm, which was the home of Secretariat, Greenbrier at White Sulphur Springs, Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home.

"On to Williamsburg, VA, then up to Washington, DC, for a few days. We took in all the sights and attended many of the late night sessions of Congress as they were getting ready to recess for their summer vacation. All the Congressmen must to vote, so it was very educational and interesting even to our children to see our government at work.

"Then on to Alexandria and Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. Up to Philadelphia and Valley Forge.

"Then to Lancaster County, PA. For those of us from the **H. H. Kimmel** branch, I'm sure you have all seen the picture of the Hoerner Dairy in Lancaster County. That was **Lydia [Bowman Kimmel]**'s family. Well, my goal was to locate the farm. After a trip to the court house and wandering the Lancaster country-side, we found a house we thought might be the one.

"I took my picture to the door, explaining the situation, wondering if they thought my picture might be their house. Sure enough, the house had been in their family for 40 years. They had researched it back to the land grant from William Penn, and she had a copy of the same picture we all have. [Not me, and I want one! —Jan T.] They even gave us a tour of the house. As you can imagine, this was the highlight of the trip for me. I was thrilled. We then went on to Gettysburg, back through WV to the gravesites of some of my mother's ancestors, and then back to KC. —**Janet, Scott, Ryan, Eric and Hanna Arvidson.**"

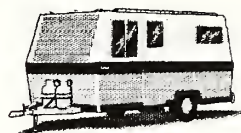


An October 1 letter from **John Bower** of McLouth, KS: "Yes, it has been an amazing month! I am made to think the attack on the World Trade towers was successful beyond the expectations of the ones who planned it. Certainly I would not have believed a fire on an upper floor would bring down a steel framed, concrete formed building.

"Nor that anyone would believe he was doing the will of God when he gave his own life to bring it to pass. The terrorist attack caught one of **Mary's** granddaughters in Florida, with her family. They did not get back until the Sunday after.

"**Mary** and I went to Hutchinson last Thursday and Friday for the annual meeting of the Kansas WCTU. **Mary** is state Memorial Secretary. She wants to quit, but they can't find anyone else to do it. I will admit I love doing the book. We keep a book with pages about 12 by 13, with life stories of deceased members. We are now on Volume 7. Ten dollars puts one in the book. Grandpa and Grandma **Kimmel** and Dad and Mother are in earlier volumes, which are now in the Kansas State Historical Society archives. I had a printer which would take those large pages, but it went kaput. Now I am looking for another printer, cheap!

"That will be a grand time when all the family gather at your place. I would enjoy that, but I doubt if we could make it. It seems we are always tied up in something."



From **Bob Bower** of Quartzsite, Az, an October 22 e-

mail: "Having excellent weather, so why not just enjoy it. Highs in 90s most days, but we had a few cool days in the 80s too. Had to make a trip to the motor home to retrieve a blanket when it went to the 60s at night.

"I took the bug engine apart. It needed cleaning. Way too much dirt on cooling fins. Bought new parts to go back together with; will have a new engine when I get through. I also found a broken shifting arm in the clutch area. Another \$20 to buy that part.

"We went on our annual trip to Phoenix in early October. We have made several trips to Yuma also. They have a new Home Depot store. We have bought many square blocks to increase our patio area. We also got a new washing machine. I've got it installed under the patio awning near one of our storage sheds. It will save trips down to the laundry room, as well as a few quarters.

"There are more people showing up each day. Lots of rv's on the highway now. It must be cold in Oregon and Washington and Canada.

"I may not have mentioned it, but there are only three of us now. Comet, **Eileen's** cat, got caught by a coyote last summer. Coyotes were seen in the park on a daily basis. Tell **Glenn** and all the rest hello at your get-together...."

A Christmas letter from Gary &



Sharron Bower McGill of Wichita KS:

"Holiday greetings to all of you. Hope this season finds you all well and rejoicing in the blessings of the past year and looking forward to the challenges

of the new year.

"This has been a busy year for us, though the changes and events have not been as drastic in years past. We are celebrating two successive years of relative stability, something, outside of our years in Seattle, we have not had in the recent past.

"One thing that is beginning to change is our vocabulary. Words such as retirement, vesting, stock options and 401K's are entering our (mine, more than **Sharron's**) thoughts and conversations. One of the reasons for this is that one of us celebrated a fiftieth birthday this year.

"**Sharron** has remained very busy this year. She has continued to work full-time at AOPA Insurance Agency and part-time at Kohls. After spending another holiday season in retail sales, I am optimistic that after the first of the year I will be able to convince her to give up the part-time job and spend more time with the things she likes to do.

"She has continued to work out and run, bicycle or swim on a consistent basis, though not as much during the holiday season. Again this year she was able to run the River Run and improved on her time over ten minutes from last year. In July she participated in the 'Race for Justice,' a local event in which you run three miles, bicycle eighteen miles, and again run three miles.

"I started out 2001 much the same as I started out 2000, totaling out one of our vehicles. In early April I had a wreck in the vehicle we bought after I totaled out our Pathfinder in 2000. I was surprised that the insurance company decided not to fix it, but figured we were better off if they did not. We bought a car and a truck and hope to keep these in good shape for a while. I figure if I wreck another one, the insurance company will kill me if **Sharron** doesn't get to me first.

"In September I made a job change. Imagine me doing that! I am now back with the State of Kansas Social Rehabilitation Services. This is where I was employed before I uprooted us all and went to Seattle. Although the friends and experiences we had in Seattle were irreplaceable, I'm sure **Sharron** and **Jennifer** see some irony in this. I am still working at Home Depot part-time, as this is where the new words like vesting and stock options come in. If I stay there until

March 1, I will have three years in, and that makes quite an impact on what I take away from there in retirement benefits. Also I have continued to work part-time as a manufacturer's representative with Allied Merchandising, though this will end the first of the year. Who knows, by the middle of next year I may be down to one job! If so, I'm sure I'll find things to do around here. I have also begun to get involved in some American Red Cross activities again.

Jennifer and **David** continue to do well, although she had some rough times during some job changes this year. She is now working at a veterinary clinic and also part-time at Kohls. Doesn't seem like anyone from the McGill family can be satisfied with one job. **Sharron** and I continue to encourage her to think about returning to school, but she's not quite ready yet. Guess she will know when she is. **David** is still at Checkers and seems to be doing well there...

"Speaking of vacations, **Sharron** and I had three of our all-time best this past year. The last of June we went to Minneapolis to visit friends that used to live in Wichita. They are building a fantastic house on a lake outside of Minneapolis. We got to water ski, sight-see, and had a very relaxing visit.

In July we went to Albany, GA, to visit my sister's family. They have a two-year-old granddaughter that we got to play with and attempt to spoil. It's great to have all the fun and none of the responsibility. Labor Day week end, on the spur of the moment, we decided to go to Colorado Springs, CO. We had been looking for somewhere to go, and Mom suggested this. We had a great 3-day week end. The highlight of the week end was riding bicycles down Pike's Peak. (One of us wanted to ride bikes UP Pike's Peak, but sanity prevailed.)

Even though it has been a busy holiday season, we have enjoyed it and the time we have been able to spend together. Hope all of you are doing as well and have had as great a year as we have had. Our e-mail addresses: gmacsm@msn.com & wgxxm@srskansas.org.



Betty & Gordon Bower of Lawrence, KS, sent a note in December: "Hope to see you Saturday at John's 90th birthday

celebration. The weather here has been outstanding, as I am sure it has been in Columbia.

"**Kerry & Tom** will be in California with his mom for Christmas this year. **Merry** was in Phoenix last week for ALA conference or meeting. She will be here for Christmas.

"It was nice to see **Marilyn & Freddy** this summer."

Merry Bower of Manhattan, KS, was one of the hostesses for her uncle **John Bower's** birthday celebration at McLouth. Since her dad, **Gordon Bower**, had been telling folks about her being a conference speaker in Phoenix this fall, **Merry** clarified things. At the Mountain Plains Library Association's conference in Phoenix, she spoke on the topic of the cataloguer's role in development of the digital library.



Marie Kimmel Moffet was at Uncle John Bower's 90th birthday party, and gave us a quick update on her family. **Matthew**, she said, graduated last May

and is now working, but I can't read my notes about where. **Marie** wrote a Christmas play to be presented Sunday morning at church. She is now teaching math and computer keyboarding full-time. **Rachael & Andy Taylor** have a new house" just five miles away." Mom and Dad, **Bill & Mildred Kimmel**, are doing just fine, says Marie.

And a Christmas letter from **Mike & Deanna Tompkins** of Columbia, MO.



"I can't believe another year has passed - it seems like yesterday **Shaun & Cassie** were just babies, and now **Shaun** is a junior at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, and **Cassie** is a junior in high school. They're both doing great and make mom and dad very proud.

"**Mike** and I both turned 40 this year. It wasn't too traumatic; we've experienced so much together by marrying so young and having children early, so 40 doesn't seem such a bad place to be.

"**Shaun** is working 30-40 hours a week, attending college full time, squeezing in time for his girl friend of more than two years, and trying to find a few days out of every month or so to come home. We visited him in August. He made it here in September when my folks came, as well as over Thanksgiving, and will be here for four days over Christmas. We miss him, but his visits are always very special to us.

"**Cassie** is busy as well. Her class schedule includes mostly AP [Advanced Placement] classes, so her

homework load is heavy, not to mention her need to socialize constantly.

"She is my artist, and I have her paintings and drawings framed and decorating our walls—and over the next two years, as she builds her portfolio for college, I hope to get a dozen or so more. I hate to let any go, but on occasion the school wants to purchase one of her pieces to display, and when they talk money, she sells!

"She's driving now, so we see less and less of her, but I'm blessed because she will still go to movies and out to lunch and shopping with old mom.

Mike and I have been doing the same old same old, designing houses, selling houses, building houses, then doing it all over again. We've done more yard work. We now have two ponds with koi, a gazebo, an arbor, two small bridges, two curving flights of stairs down to the pond, and our latest project is an 85 foot clear-span arched bridge to overlook the ponds. Call us crazy—you'd be right, but it's a hobby we love.

We've added four new members to our family, three cats (Boosha, 11 months; Poof, 9 months, Baby, 7 months) and a Papillon puppy, Mia, 7 months. I think it's the empty nest syndrome starting early. Soon I may have to start a zoo!

"I hope this letter finds you all in good health and surrounded with love and joy. Have a wonderful holiday season."



John & Mary Kimmel Bower shared their Christmas letter: "Twenty-O-One has been another good year at McLouth. The weather has been a mixed bag—dry into June, hot in July, wet and warm into the fall—we still had flowers blooming outside at Thanksgiving time. Translation: corn so-so, soybeans good. And Kansas was green most of the summer.



In August I conducted the Sunday worship service at the McLouth Thrashing Bee for the 43rd year, and

grandson **Chris Edmonds** married **Cassie Schmidt** August 7, by the bandstand at Old Jefferson Town in Oskaloosa. **Mary** and I attended the meetings of the Kansas state WCTU at Great Bend and Hutchinson.

"**Mary's** ninth great-grandson, **Sirroc Thomas Gulati-Brown**, was born September 19.

"On Thanksgiving Day we enjoyed dinner with **Judy** and her family. We enjoy doing family things with the kids and grandkids I got when I married **Mary**. If all goes as planned, I will celebrate my 90th birthday Dec. 15th with a reception at the McLouth Community Center (birthday is Dec. 17). Again I will sing bass in the Christmas cantata.

"We keep busy. **Mary** has retired from volunteer work at the Oskaloosa Library and nursing home. She is Memorial Secretary of the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union. I am chairman of deacons at the Baptist church, substitute Sunday school teacher, and on the board of the Jefferson County Historical Society and the McLouth Kiwanis Club.

"**Mary** and I move a little slower, but we are grateful that we can still go places and do things. We are thankful for the love we have found together, for family and friends who care, for a good community, and for our church, where we share the warmth of Christian love.

"Most of all, we are thankful that God loved us so much that He gave His only Son on that first Christmas, so that we might have life, full, rich, and abundant and eternal. It is our prayer that His love will fill your hearts and lives at this Christmas season, and bless you in the new year."

Jack & Diane Yetter **Mason** sent e-mail greetings January 1, 2002, from their home in Kobe, Japan: "Merry CHRISTmas! and Happy New Year!

"Sorry for the delay in getting Christmas greetings to you. 2001 was extremely isogashi (busy) and yet extremely rewarding. We are truly blessed by the many Christmas cards from our friends and family all around the world.

"In March **Diane** traveled to Hong Kong with the Caterpillar wives on a shopping trip. She truly is an international shopper.

"In April our missionary pastor and



Mary Barham retired and moved back to the States. God stretched us with no missionary pastor replacement. The four Deacons and the assistant pastor had many opportunities to preach.

"In June the assistant pastor family told us of their plans to move to a pastor position at a nearby Japanese church. This had long since been their desire, but the Deacons had hoped for different timing...

"In July we started our third home leave. We enjoyed the five weeks of visiting family, working and seeing the world. We stayed at Cairns, Australia, for a week and had to suffer an extra day because of a typhoon in Hong Kong, where we were to transfer.

"Next we visited friends and family in Seattle, Joliet, Decatur and Atlanta. **Diane** and the kids enjoyed RV camping for a week with the grandparents, while I worked. Our final visit was Stockholm, Sweden, before returning home. Several months later our 16 boxes showed up full of clothes, school supplies, books, food and videos we purchased during home leave.

"In August we started our fourth year in Kobe, Japan. Canadian Academy started with **Tiffany**, 15, in tenth grade, **Jessica**, 13, in eighth grade, and **Aaron**, 11, in fifth grade. They had many projects, tests, and homework the first four months, but also got to go on many field trips. **Jessica** went on a retreat with the whole middle school.

"In September we watched the horrifying terrorist acts on webnews. These events gave opportunities to witness for our Lord, though. I was able to pray in the staff meeting at work that day and the following Sunday share from God's Word, as it was my time to preach. It sure showed us what was important and what wasn't.

"August through October were very stretching months for us as Deacons and wives. Three of us were trying to organize, minister and preach at the two services. In a November Deacon's meeting, we agreed that 'we' can't keep both services going, and set Thanksgiving Sunday as the postponement of the evening service. We wanted to focus our resources on growing the morning bilingual service. (We had very few coming to the all-English evening service.)

"Work also has been challenging as we continue to push change. With the business climate down considerably in Japan and the world, we must change to improve the way of doing business while maintaining our past strengths.

"October through December gave us the opportunity to minister to families in



our neighborhood, as we led every Wednesday evening for 8 weeks of 'Growing Kids God's Way for Teens' with four other families and their teens. We also had the opportunity to start the basic 'Growing Kids God's Way' with three other families (a co-worker, co-Deacon and our past assistant pastor and wives). Our teens watched the younger children each night.

"December God confirmed our decision and continued to grow his church in the morning service in number and spiritually. One seminary student is now teaching a Japanese Sunday school class and preaching some. Several of the young ladies are taking turns at leading the music. We had 15 or so in a Christmas cantata.

"December was extremely busy with preaching, **Diane** leading music, organizing and leading the Christmas cantata, teaching English classes, parties at our house for the English classes, kids projects. **Tiffany** and **Jessica** had their wonderful outstanding band and choir concerts, **Aaron** had his nice little fifth grade concert, my three late-night video meetings last three Growing Kids God's Way teen meetings, three Christmas parties, one end-of-year party, and caroling in the neighborhood.

"So we went to Guam for four days to relax on the beach, pool, and shop for Christmas. We enjoyed the warm weather, American food, and English speaking. God was surely in control; as we arrived, we heard a super typhoon was headed for Guam Christmas Eve, but later went north just before hitting Guam.

"In Guam we noticed the difference between the resorts and the run-down homes where most of the natives lived. It made us appreciate the experiences and riches that we have, and even more focus on the riches and experiences we have had in Christ that the world is missing out on.

"Thank you, Lord, for your gift of your son's birth, death and resurrection. Lord help us to share this gift with others. Love in Christ- **Jack, Diane, Tiffany, Jessica & Aaron Mason.**"



We have an e-mail note about the 2003 Kimmel reunion from **John Bower**.

"I have only one thought right now for the **Kimmel Reunion** in 2003. I think it would be a mistake to move it far from this area, on account of the travel and related expenses. Not many would be able to go. When the Bower reunion was held on the Oregon coast, I was the only one there from east of the Rockies...."

Josiah Riegel Kimmel

Don't miss the Christmas letter from **John & Mary Kimmel Bower** which appears in the Henry Kimmel section. It has news of Mary's new great-grandson.

Martha Kimmel Hummer

Mary Lou Hummer of Booker, TX, sent a check for \$100 for the newsletter fund, and a note giving **Susan Randall's** new address in Oklahoma City, OK.



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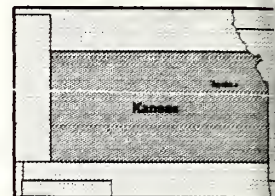


Marjorie Henninge of mahening@frognet.net sent an e-mail: "My Mishler cousin (Lutz side) lent me her little Kimmel Books. The one compiled and arranged by **Clarence W. Kimmel** in Hiawatha KS. ... Genealogical Memoranda KIMMELS AD 1626 - AD 1930. It has been interesting reading- there are so many interfamily connections. There is even a photograph of **Jacob A. Kimmel** and **Eliza Brumbaugh**, whose daughter **Adaline** married **Joseph W. Mishler**. It is getting to be a large database. Glad to do lookups from my photocopy."

A note from **Debby Eliss**: "On the subject of books with errors, I'd like to add that *History of Bedford and Somerset Counties Pennsylvania* from

1906 seems to have a lot of errors regarding church membership. It seems they confused Brethren (Dunkards or German Baptist Brethren) with United Brethren, which is now affiliated with the Methodist church. This book says that **Jonathar Kimmel** (1798-1878) was a member of the 'United Brethren church.' I believe my line of Kimmels were Dunkards. **Jonathan's** wife **Susanna** was a daughter of **Michael Meyers**. He was ordained an elder in the German Baptist Brethren church about 1800. Anytime the above book says United Brethren, I think they really meant German Baptist Brethren."

A note from **Allan T. Kimmell** of Topeka, KS on September 11:



"Although we have sprung from **Johann Jacob**, rather than those that came to Kansas who descended from **Johann Michael**-we continue to feel a relationship with all whose name is either Kimmel or Kimmell.

"I wish it had been possible to attend the reunion in Lawrence this past summer, but wonder if a **NATIONAL KIMMEL REUNION** in either Somerset or Lancaster PA couldn't be considered. I understand that this would be a lot of work for many."

Karl Williams of Kaykarl@aol.com sent a note January 13: "Am trying to contact descendants of **Henry Kimmel**, settled in Washtenaw County, Mich., c1825."



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Kimmel couple's 1907 trip included visit to Holy Land

When Henry H. and Lydia Bowman Kimmel of rural Jefferson County, KS, embarked on the trip of a lifetime in the fall of 1907, they kept daily notes about their travels. Leaving McLouth by train September 4, they joined with a group of seven other Brethren church people who boarded the Cunard Line's ship *Germania* in New York on September 11.

Together, the little group and toured ports of England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Syria, what is now Israel and Palestine, and Egypt. Their trip took more than 100 days and spent 14 days on water. It was December 21, 1907, when they reached home in Kansas.

After their return, Henry and Lydia gave several joint lectures about their trip and then published a journal told from Lydia's viewpoint, ***A Trip Through Europe and the Orient***, to give to friends and family. An excerpt from that book follows (beginning on page 28):

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 18. — Left Constantinople last night before dark. Are now going through the Dardanelles, can see land about all the time, will be back to Smyrna soon again. I worked all forenoon, washed some, mended my shoe where I cut a hole in it on a rock and mended a waist, besides ripping the splits out of my traveling skirt, preparatory to using it for a riding skirt. We are feeling fine today.

WEDNESDAY, ISLAND OF SAMOS, Oct. 19. — Yesterday after we reached Smyrna, some of the party went ashore and as they came back Mr. Murray dropped his new camera and down it went to the bottom of the sea. He wanted some of the natives to dive after it, but they would not go. In the afternoon hundreds of third and fourth class passengers came on board. They have to furnish their own bedding and board, each one had a great big bundle or two, some as big as the persons themselves. They are Mohammedans and going to Mecca. They go there yearly to worship. Mecca was the birthplace of Mohammed and is to them what Jerusalem is to the Jews. Most of them eat and sleep out on deck, they are on the front part of the boat, while we are on the back. Our meat is killed on the boat, they have live sheep, chickens,

ducks and so forth. They are on the part with the steerage passengers. Vathy is a very picturesque little town. It is built in the shape of a horseshoe, around a little bay, there are high hills all around. The buildings look almost new. They are white and everything looks clean. The people look different from those in Smyrna and Constantinople. This Island belongs to Turkey, but they pay the Sultan a certain sum yearly, to allow them to have a government of their own. There are no mosques here, so it is not a Mohammedan city.

SUNDAY, Oct. 20. — Yesterday evening we passed the Isle of Patmos, but I was taking a nap and did not get to see it. This morning the sea got somewhat rough and continued so until this evening, some of us were seasick again. There was a Church of England service on deck this morning but I did not feel able to attend. We had Sunday school in the dining room this afternoon, Bro. Crist was teacher. I could hardly sit up but managed to until it was over. This is our second Sunday on the Niger and I have been seasick both Sundays. There are card players all around us, drinking and playing cards. Today just before Sunday school a set of gamblers got into a row and it looked for a while as if they would come to blows but finally they scattered.

BEIRUT, SYRIA, MONDAY, Oct. 21. — We reached Beirut this morning had to come to shore in rowboats. We are at the Hotel De Orient. Have a fine view of the sea. Received mail here again. We got eleven letters and some cards. Spent the time reading until lunch time,

then rested until 2 o'clock when the whole party went to the American Consul's office. He treated us very kindly and seemed glad to see us. The American flag is floating today. He said it was only raised on special occasions. There were a number of Americans beside our party, in Beirut, so the flag was raised in honor of the Americans. He sent his Cavasse with us to the Bliss American College. The teachers at this school are all Americans. There are 800 students, all boys. They have a number of large buildings. As we were going up the hill toward the college we heard the son "Jesus, Saviour, pilot me" played on a pipe organ. It sounded good to us as we had not heard home tunes for some time. We were in their chapel services at 4 in the evening. The boys all came marching in, in an orderly manner and took part in the singing. They seemed to sing with the spirit and the understanding. Here they turn out preachers, doctors, lawyers and men of every profession. From the college we went to the girl's school. It is in charge of Miss Horn of Ohio. She was very much pleased to see us and showed us through the building. Most of the girls had gone home but there were about 45 there. Miss Horn said they had about 100 girls scattered through Egypt, some of them are married but many are teachers. These schools are doing a great amount of good.

TUESDAY, Oct. 22. — This morning we took carriages and drove out into the country seven or eight miles to a place called Dog River. It was so named from the fact that there is a big rock in the



BY THE SEA OF GALILEE NEAR BETHSAIDA.

1907 Brethren tour group including Henry and Lydia Kimmel, by the Sea of Galilee, near Bethsaida, from their trip journal.

shape of a dog lying in the river, and as the story goes, in olden times whenever the enemy would approach the country the dog would bark. Just by the river are high mountains; we climbed up on the sides and saw some ancient inscriptions cut in the large rocks and by the side of them is an image of one of the Pharaohs. The roads were very dusty but we enjoyed the ride. On the way we saw a great many mulberry trees, the leaves are used as food for silk worms. On our way back we stopped at a silk factory. They had a great pile of cocoons there, they put them in vats of hot water, then unwind the tiny threads, they come off as you would unwind a spool of thread. These fine threads are thrown around a peg or pin and from there they are conducted to a reel and wound around and around until they have a large skein of beautiful yellow silk. The cocoon is white outside and yellow inside but after it is scalded it is all yellow. The weaving is done at another place. In the afternoon we went to the Bazaars and bought two veils, a hat pin and some thread.

BAALBEK, WEDNESDAY, Oct. 23. – Left Beirut early this morning by rail. Had a good rain last night consequently the city presented a different aspect. Before, everything was covered with dust and this morning the trees, flowers and shrubbery were so green and fresh looking. We soon reached the foot of the Anti Lebanon Mountains, then the ascent began. The mountains are 5,052 ft. above sea level. We wound round and round until we got to the top. It is very rough and rocky, but where ever there is a spot that can be cultivated, there is something planted. Part of it is covered with cedars. There are many villages scattered over the mountains, some of them are summer resorts for the rich people of Beirut. For hours after we left the city this morning, as we were winding around the mountains, we could look down on Beirut and the sea. Our descent was not as much as the ascent as here at Baalbek we are almost 4,000 ft. above sea level. It is quite cool, we can see snow capped mountains in the distance and they say it fell yesterday. We stopped at 1:30 for lunch, but the train did not stop long enough, so we did not get satisfaction, therefore we are rather hungry. We passed through some beautiful valleys on the way and saw camel trains and lots of fine scenery. Reached Baalbek between 2 and 3 p.m. There were carriages waiting for us. We went to our hotel at once. It is a large stone structure on the side of a hill and is modern and very nice. After we were shown our rooms and had put away our baggage we started out to see the wonderful ruins of Baal, the sun god. This must have been an immensely large as well as magnificent affair. It was begun in the First century A.D. Such massive stones we never saw, some of them weigh over 750 tons. Some of the walls are still standing. There is a great amount of fine carving on the rocks. Here, as at all other places, are children begging or wanting to sell things, some little girls had little

money sacks and watch pockets to sell. They are made of different colors of bright colored thread. They kept running after me and begged and plead and almost cried and said they were very poor. It is hard for me to refuse them. I finally made a purchase from the smaller of the girls, she was awfully tickled. They are bright faced children, but are not all as clean as they might be. They talked English fairly well. They have English schools here.

DAMASCUS, THURSDAY, Oct. 24 – We left Baalbek at 9 o'clock this morning and went to the ancient quarries where the great rocks were taken from for the great temple. There is one rock which had been quarried and dressed but had never been moved away. It is 70 ft. long, 13 ft. high, weight 1000 tons and wide enough for two wagons to go side by side. It is a problem that has not been solved how those immense stones were put in place in a building. We boarded the train and started for Rayak, a small town where we changed cars. We had to wait several hours there and visited a native house. An old woman, a young woman and a baby, a goat, a calf and so on occupied the same room. After dinner we went out into a field where some Arabs were plowing with oxen. The oxen evidently were not used to seeing such looking people as we are, for they raised their heads and tails, and away they went. One yoke got loose from the plow. We all got around the plow, Mr. Shearer and Mrs. Wuerfele took the place of the oxen and Mr. Murray took the plow handle in one hand and the long ox goad in the other and tried to plow. The plows are a light wooden affair. Mr. Longanecker took a picture of the crowd, with one of the Arabs included. On our way to Damascus the spot was pointed out to us where Cain slew Abel, and also his tomb and the tomb of Noah. We came along a very narrow valley nearly all the way, with rocky mountains on either side, but saw some level farm land. We reached Damascus after 4 o'clock this afternoon. We are at the Victoria Hotel. It is large and up-to-date. We had a fine supper consisting of soup, stuffed puff paste, roast lamb and spinach, turkey and lettuce, two kinds of beans, carrots and peas, some kind of cake, two or three kinds of grapes, apples, pears, oranges, and a little cup of terrible strong coffee without cream or sugar. After supper we had a lesson on Damascus, this is said to be the oldest city in existence, we read about it in Genesis.

DAMASCUS, FRIDAY, Oct. 25 – I did not sleep extra well last night. There was too much noise. This month is the Feast of Ramadan. During this month the Mohammedans fast through the day and feast and dance and have a general good time at night. This morning we went to some factories where they make all kinds of bronze vessels, saw them polish and ornament them. There were little children from six years of age and upward at work. Little bits of tots were carving the vessels and beating silver threads into them and some of them

only get 7 cents per day. It was interesting to see the children work. From the factory we went to the shop where the goods are for sale. They also have furniture here inlaid with mother-of-pearl and also mosaic furniture. Most all of the party bought some of the brass and some bought furniture. Mr. Murray, Mr. Andes and Henry each bought a stand inlaid with mother-of-pearl and Mrs. Wuerfele a table which they asked \$75 for, and Longanecker a stand inlaid with mosaic for which he paid about \$20. The proprietor took us to his home and treated us royally. He has a fine home. Had a servant bring us some kind of drink in tiny little glasses, they called orange juice but it tasted rather strong for that. They brought us three kinds of Turkish sweets and after that some Turkish coffee served in tiny cups. After dinner we went to a rug store and saw rugs from \$10 up to \$3,000. The \$10 ones were about 1 ½ x 3 ft in size. Most of us bought rugs. Mr. Longanecker bought one for \$250. Mrs. Harter bought ten most of them to be presents to her nieces.

DAMASCUS, SATURDAY, Oct. 26. This morning we went to see the horse which we expect to ride. Some of the horses are very pretty, mine is a bay with a white spot on his forehead and is not so nice looking as some of them but the owner says he is gentle. Next we went to a very large mosque. The interior is very fine. There was a funeral there at the time. They claim that the head of John the Baptist is buried there, but I doubt very much whether it is so, as John was beheaded a long ways from there. Nissaire took us to the home of the richest Mohammedan in Damascus. We were taken into the court and then the gentlemen's drawing room, also the ladies' parlor, it sure was swell, but we did not get to see any of the ladies. Saw the man and children. In the afternoon we had a long drive around the city, went into a cemetery. While we were there we heard some kind of singing or chanting, we went to where the noise was, and saw a funeral procession coming. They were all running, some men had the coffin on their heads. The common people are not buried in coffins, they are merely wound in some kind of heavy cloth and buried without a coffin. They kept up their singing all the time. When they reached the grave they covered a sheet over the box before they lowered it to their shoulders, then from under those outstretched sheets they took the body out of the box and put it in the grave. But we did not see the last of the ceremony, for they invited us to leave. One man put his hand on my shoulder and pushed, saying "Yellah," which means "go away." It is needless to say that I went. There were no women mixed up with the crowd. Mr. Nissaire said that the words of their chant is, "There is only one God and that is Allah and Mohammed is his prophet." We drove by the place where the disciples let Paul down by the wall in a basket. The old wall is partly standing but looks rather dilapidated. We passed thro



MR. AND MRS. KIMMEL IN NATIVE COSTUME.
TAKEN IN JERUSALEM.

the street called Straight, several times. This is the street where Paul was elected to go to when he was struck and as he was on his way to Damascus persecute the Christians, Acts 9:11. So saw the site where the houses of Ananias and Judas were. They went to see the ruins of the Palace of Haman the leper. The leper settlement now is close by those old ruins. We went to see them, they are a sorry looking set, there are fifteen of them. The Abana River runs close by the hotel only a street between. This is one of the rivers that Naaman thought was better than the Jordan, II Kings 5:2. The Pharpar is not far away. We stopped at the brass and furniture store again. The party bought Mr. and Mrs. Murray a beautiful large chair inlaid with mother-of-pearl, price \$20. This is a wedding present. They seem to be very much pleased with it. Mr. Nissan, a merchant, will put an inscription in brass on the chair. The inscription will read "Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Murray by the party, in the Fall of 1907." When we went back to the hotel, Miss Mackelderry was there. She is an Irish lady who came to Damascus to teach in a mission school. She was with the English people that were with us part of the time, she left us at Beirut and came on to take charge of her work here.

SUNDAY, Oct. 27. — We had Sunday school and preaching this morning. Bro. Massuet preached on the subject of Haman the leper. After dinner we put on our riding habits and tried our horses, rode 4 or 5 miles. I was not very favorably impressed with mine. His name is Massuet. I was afraid I could not manage him so I engaged a man to lead him and lead my horse whenever I wish him to.

SUNDAY, Oct. 28. — This morning we went out to do some shopping. I bought a belt, some odd looking hairpins and a pair of rubbers. The men bought some clothing and we made six saddlebags to carry raincoats and other articles that we may need through the day on our horseback trip. Tomorrow we start

early on our long horseback trip. We all regret to leave this hotel on account of the fine grapes we get to eat.

KAHERHAWER, TUESDAY, Oct. 29.—This morning at 8 o'clock we mounted our horses and bade adieu to Damascus. Part of our journey today was over nice country, but most of it was bare and stony, we rode 13 or 14 miles by dinner time. It is claimed that our stopping place was where Paul was converted. Our dining room man spread a rug on the ground under an olive tree, then a tablecloth on top of the rug, then spread the lunch. When we were all seated around, Bro. Andes returned thanks, then we partook of bread, radishes, onions, cold boiled beef, cold chicken, hard boiled eggs, sardines and grapes. When we got off our horses we were so

stiff we could scarcely stand up. There was a branch of the Pharpar River close by. We washed in it before eating. There were some blackberry vines growing along the stream where were some ripe berries. We helped ourselves to some of them. The road this afternoon was very hilly and rocky, therefore it was more tiresome than where it was smooth. I got along fairly well but sometimes old Massuet would stumble and I felt as though I would fall off, then sometimes he would kick at the flies which was not pleasant. Abdullah is the man's name that goes with me and takes care of my horse. We got very tired before we got to our camping place. Mrs. Harter could hardly stand it and almost fainted when she dismounted. My limbs were so stiff that I could hardly walk. I was afraid I might fall off, so braced myself so hard in the stirrups that my limbs were almost powerless for a while, but a little hobbling around would soon straighten us out. When we reached camp there was a surprise in store for us. The cook had tea and crackers ready for us. I never tasted tea that was as good as that. I was thirsty and drank three cups. We have a nice large dining tent, with rug on the floor, white tablecloths and napkins and all kinds of silverware for the table just like at a hotel, only we use tallow candles instead of electric light. Every two persons have a separate tent, with two cots, a stand with two washpans, a little looking glass, a tallow candle, two towels, a soap dish, a box of

matchboxes, a glass, a pitcher of water, two camp stools, and a rug on the floor. The tents are round. About 12 ft. in diameter, about 6 ft. high at the sides, and 12 ft. in the center. Our tents are pitched under the wide spreading branches of the fig tree. There is plenty of green grass here. After resting a while we went into the village of Kaferhawer just a little way from our camp. Such a looking village we had never seen. The dwellings looked more like stables than anything else. We were in the sleeping room of the hotel at this place. Sometimes travelers go down through this country without a camping outfit and then they have to do the best they can. The door into this room is so low that I had to stoop to get in. I don't think there is a window to the room, and the place for the beds is along the sides and is dirt just about a foot higher than the ground floor. Mr. Murray said that he and D. L. Miller and I. B. Trout slept in that same room one time and the fleas and bedbugs were so bad they carried the covers off. I think the whole village turned out to see us and there was only one respectable looking person among them, and he has spent four years in America. He can speak English pretty well. He says this country is no good, he is going back to America. Most of the people in this town look at if they never wash, and the children, of which there is an abundant supply, are nearly all sore eyed. When we got back to camp it was about supper time. First course, soup; Second course, cabbage, radishes and lamb chops; Third course, chick and potatoes; Fourth course, pudding; Fifth course, apples, grapes and pears; Sixth course, cup of Turkish coffee. After supper we had Bible readings about Abraham, Lot and Jacob, journeying through this country, Genesis XI and XII. Nimrod's tomb is here. They say we traveled 28 miles today. Pretty good for a starter. [Next issue: on to Caesarea Philippi and the Sea of Galilee.]

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Mary V.
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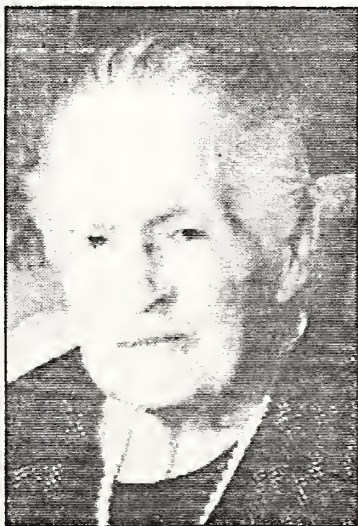
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Mary V. Hummer, 98, of Booker, TX., died Friday, June 7, 2002. Services were held Monday, June 10, at 1:30 p.m. in First Christian Church of Perryton. Mrs. Hummer was a charter member of the church. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery.

Mrs. Hummer was born in Mutual, Indian Territory (Oklahoma), September 26, 1903, the daughter of Levi and Leota Morgan.

Mary married Dave Hummer on March 5, 1921, in Arnett, OK, a marriage of 71 years, which ended with his death in



MARY V. HUMMER: 1903-2002

1992. After marriage, the Hummers settled on a farm north of Huntoon, where they lived until 1962. That year they built a new home four miles west of Booker.

"At the age of 10, Mary made her confession of faith in Christ and was baptized in Mutual, OK. This faith never wavered, and along with her husband, who also embraced a deep Christian commitment, they established a home built on Christian values," reported the *Amarillo Globe-News* on June 9, 2002. "She will be remembered by her faith, her service to others, her wit and her love."

Mary Hummer was preceded in death by her husband, David D. Hummer; a daughter, Marjorie Hummer Urban; a son, David Hummer; per parents; two sisters; and two brothers.

Survivors include four daughters, Pauline Duke of Big Cabin, OK; Mary Hummer of Amarillo, TX; Martha Hall of Booker, TX; and Florence Conley of Perryton, TX; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Marjorie Urban Scholarship Fund in care of Perryton National Bank, POB 969, Perryton, TX 79070; or to the Ochiltree County Hospice Volunteers, 3101 Garrett Drive, Perryton, TX., 79070; or to a favorite charity.

Sabina A. "Betty" Kimmel Kessler

1916-
2002



From the *Reading, PA, Eagle & Reading Times*, April 3, 2002.

Sabina A. "Betty" Kessler, 86, of Riverview Park, died April 2 at the Masonic Homes Health Care Center in Elizabethtown, PA, where she had resided since October, 1999.

Born in West Brunswick Township, Schuylkill Co., she was a daughter of the late Charles D. and Ella E. Kershner Kimmel. She was the wife of Clair P. Kessler of Riverview.

She is also survived by a daughter, Virginia A. Kessler Rowe of Muhlenberg Township; a sister, Leah E. Kimmel Boltz of Rogers City, MI; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kessler was a 1935 graduate of the Empire Beauty School, Reading, and was last employed as a hairdresser in Hamburg for 10 years.

She was a member of the Rosedale United Church of Christ in Laureldale, where services were held. Burial was at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

TIM KIMMEL'S

I've been busy with family and job-related business and have had very little time for genealogy. I had hoped to have reviewed the 1920 census data for Kimmels by now but have been in the library only a few times during the last year, so very little has been done. Now the 1930 census data is out! About all I do now is try to keep up with e-mail from the web site in between all of my other commitments.

I also haven't been able to gather material for a column for the Kimmel newsletter. The Kimmel properties in Reading Township, York County, information has sat on my kitchen table since last spring. I'm just not able to find the time. It appears you won't be able to depend on me to do the column for a while. Reunion pictures are enclosed. Every now and then I come across them and think I really should get them sent, to here they are. I hope all is going well with you and yours. Any word on the 2003 reunion? Tim's e-mail address is tkimmel@fwi.com, and his mailing address is 2103 Bevel Avenue., Ft. Wayne, IN 48802.

More Kimmel immigrations of the 19th century:

Michael Kimmel of Trenton, NJ - 1890 - Russia.
Charles Kimmel of Indianapolis In - MO 1891 - Germany.
Fred Keummel of Burlington WI - 1891 - Germany.
Andrew Kimmel of Clearfield Co. PA & Bay Co. MI - 1891 (Germany?)
Simon Kimmel of Detroit MI - 1892 - Germany.
Christian L Kimmel of Lincoln Co WI - 1892 - Denmark.
August F Kummel of Hartford CT - 1893 - Russia.
Dave Kemel of Barron Co WI- 1893 - Germany.
John Kimmell of Chicago IL 1894 - Germany.
August P Kuemmel of Lincoln IL - 1894 - Germany.
Henry Kuemmel of Rochelle IL 1894 - Germany.
J David Kimmel of NYC NY - 1894 -Austria.
Edward Kimmel of Fayette Co. PA - 1894 - Germany.
Moses Kimmel of Lancaster PA 1894 - Russia.
Jacob Kumil of Hartford CT - 1895 - Russia.
Max Kimmel of NYC NY - 1895 - Austria.
Joseph Kimmel of Baltimore MD 1897- Germany.
Philip KimeI of St Paul MN 1897 - Bohemia.
Sam Kimmel of NY NY 1897 - Russia.
Louis Kimmel of NYNY 1897 - Austria
Klman Kimmel of NYNY 1897 - Germany.
John Kiemele of Chicago IL 1898 - Germany.
Charles Kimmell of Chicago IL - 1898 Russia.
Frank Kummell of Boston MA 1898 - Germany.
Max Kimmel of NYNY 1898 - Russia.
Max Kimmel of NYNY 1898 - Austria.
William Mitchell Kimmel of Los Angeles, CA 1898 - Romania.
Amilo Kummil of Boston MA 1899 - Switzerland.

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From the **Washington Whispers** section of *U.S. News & World Report*, July 1, 2002:

SCAPEGOATS STILL?

Despite a 60-year campaign to clear the names of the Pearl Harbor 'scapegoats,' President Bush is unlikely to elevate Rear Adm. Husband Kimmel and Major Gen. Walter Short to ranks held before getting blamed for Dec. 7, 1941. White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card reports that 'there is no new or extraordinary evidence' to reverse the demotions. But his letter to Rep.

Michael Castle doesn't end it: Castle plans to fight. So does Kimmel's son, Edward Kimmel, who's seeking a meeting with Card before the top aide forwards a recommendation to Bush.

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Old News: (mostly from the McLouth Times)



NOTE: Of David & Leah Kimmel's

children, two married Bowman siblings; two married Whitmers; one married Magill, one a Hummer, and one a Blum -- Mrs. A J Bowman is Lizzie Kimmel.

January 7, 1896:

"A G Shoemaker and family arrived here Wednesday from Loraine, Illinois, to make this section his future home. He will occupy the **Henry Kimmel** farm in the Round Grove district. Mr. S is a brother of **Mrs. J H Bowman**."

January 17, 1896:

"**H H Kimmel** spent Tuesday and Wednesday at his farm near Edmister."

February 14, 1896:

"**Will Bowman** went up to Easton last Sunday to visit his country girl."

"Abe Bowman rode over to the Pottawatomie reserve in Jackson county last Friday and spent several days viewing the landscape over."

March 20, 1896:

"**Abe Bowman** has decided to go into the real estate business. A good real estate agent has long been one of the needs of this city."

May 1, 1896:

Val Whitmer of Conway Springs, Kansas, arrived here Monday night and visited his sister, **Mrs. A. S. Bowman**, until Tuesday afternoon. He had been to Kansas City with a load of fat stock.

May 8, 1896:

H. H. Kimmel transacted business in Kansas City Wednesday.

June 5, 1896:

A City Jail. At the meeting of the city court Monday night, Messrs. C H Steeper, **J H Bowman** and A J Garrett were appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of building a city jail, and also the cost of a steel cage or cell for the same, the committee to submit its report at the next regular meeting...

June 12, 1896:

Abe Bowman went to meet **H. H. Harnley**, wife and daughter of Auburn, Illinois, who will visit here a week with relatives. **Mrs. Harnley** is a sister of **Mrs. Barbara Bowman**.

Mrs. J H Bowman and her sister **Mrs. Beechly** went to Easton last Sunday to visit their sister **Mrs. Cal Miller**."

June 19, 1896:

Ant Anna Royer of Osawkie arrived here Saturday morning to visit her sisters, **Mrs. Barbara Bowman** of this city, and **Mrs. H. H. Harnley** of Auburn, Illinois, who had arrived here the day previous.

A couple of boys from the country were arrested here for **fast riding** on the streets of this city last Saturday night, but were assisted to escape by a number of friends crowding around them. But this will make no difference except the punishment will be apt to be a little more severe when they do come to the city again."

July 10, 1896.

Attempted Burglary. On Tuesday morning upon opening the store it was discovered that a large light of glass had been broken in the front door of **Andy Bowman's** store during Monday night. It is evident that the glass had been pressed until it broke, then some putty had been put away in the attempt to get glass enough out of the way to admit the passage of a man's body. As nothing has been missed from the store it is supposed that the burglar had been scared away before accomplishing his object. It will probably be necessary to employ a watchman to protect the interests of the city before many more years roll around. "

A J Bowman donated the prize (cuffs, collar and necktie) for the Fat Man's Finning Race "230 pounds and upwards, not less than three to start." A part of the city's festival.

"A sneak thief entered the home of **C G Sumner**, the old Phinney farm five miles southwest of here, a few days ago, and stole a good razor and a fine hone. If **Clayte** could get hold of the fellow he would make him sorry that he wasn't dead."

July 17, 1896:

Charlie Pyle, **Charlie Perry** and **Frank Bowman** hauled the merry-go-round to Meriden last Friday.

August 14, 1896:

"Here, you man with plenty of money, buy a farm of **Abe Bowman** while times are hard and you can get a farm for a song." -McLouth Champion

August 21, 1896:

Andy Bowman has been confined to his house with rheumatism for several days this week.

Union Township Primary. Notice is hereby given that a Peoples primary will be held at the school house, in the city of McLouth, Saturday, August 29, 1896, between the

hours of 3 and 8 p.m., for the purpose of electing 11 delegates and 11 alternates to the county convention to be held at Oskaloosa, Monday, August 31. All persons who are in favor of the free coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio and opposed to the platform and candidates to the Republican party without regard to former party affiliations, are cordially invited to participate.

August 28, 1896:

"**H H Kimmel** finished putting up his large hay crop Tuesday." -McLouth Champion

"**Henry Kimmel** and **Matt Edmonds** each received cattle from Kansas City this week, the former two and the latter three cars." -McLouth Champion

"**H H Kimmel** was transacting business in Kansas City last Monday." -McLouth Champion

"**Abe Bowman** had his mustache shaved off last Saturday evening, which changed his looks so much that many did not know him. He went to his mother's house Sunday morning dressed in a shabby suit of clothes and a slouch hat on and asked for something to eat. Not having anything prepared and thinking the supposed tramp from all appearances was hungry, she gave him a nickel and turned away, feeling that she had helped to relieve the pangs of hunger for one poor soul. **Abe** enjoys the joke and intends to treasure up that nickel as long as he lives." -McLouth Champion.

September 4, 1896:

"There was all kinds of excitement in town for a little while Saturday evening: a political discussion almost precipitated a riot; it was hardly quieted down before a mule ran away with a cart, throwing the occupants out and hurting them considerably; two small boys had a fight, and another tried to break his neck by sliding down a long banister east of the Frisbie building, a dog fight ended up the evening's entertainment, and everybody went to bed feeling sure they had gotten their money's worth." -McLouth Times quoting from nearby *Meriden Tribune*.

"Cut His Leg. On Monday morning last, **John Winter**, who was cutting corn for **Elder J R Kimmel**, a mile and half north of this city, made a misstroke and cut a gash about an inch and a half long across his left leg below the knee, cutting a small artery. He started to run to this city to have it attended to. Every step he took the blood would gush out of the cut, running down his leg and filled his shoe in short order, while with every step the blood would splash out of his shoe. He had run a half mile toward this city and had become somewhat weakened from the loss of blood when he met **Mr. L R Kay**, who had been to this city and was en route home, who took in the situation, had **John** get into the spring wagon, and drove hurriedly back to the office of **Dr.**

Rankin, in the city. The **Dr.** cleansed the wound, making three stitches in the gash to close it up. While **John** was somewhat weakened by the loss of blood, he will be all right again in a few days.

September 11, 1896:

Abe and **Harry Bowman** were Kansas City visitors Wednesday. While there, **Harry** bought a couple of car loads of feeders for himself.

October 9, 1896:

Rev. H S Reigle of Stafford county is here visiting relatives, being a brother-in-law to **David Kimmel**.

October 16, 1896:

Andy Bowman and **A P Reardon** will address the Valley Grove McKinley club next Wednesday night."

October 19, 1896:

H. H. Kimmel visited his farm near Edmister Monday.

Ed Bradford is building an addition to **David Kimmel's** barn down in Sarcocie.

October 30, 1896:

Elder J. R. Kimmel and wife and **W T Stout** attended a series of meetings sixteen miles southwest of Lawrence, from Saturday till Monday.

November 13, 1896:

"**Mrs. Ida E. Bowman** will do your dress making in the latest styles and patterns and guarantees satisfaction. Second door west of McLouth House. Prices reasonable." -McLouth Champion

"**The Harness Thief Here.**

"This city was the base of operations for some bold harness thieves Monday night. The barn of **Abe Bowman**, in the eastern part of the city, was entered and a double harness and a saddle taken, a saddle was taken from the barn of **C. H. Steeper** and **C. A. Zabriskie** north of the railroad. After stealing the things, the thieves evidently went east, as NE of **Abe Bowman's**, bridles was found on the railroad track east of this city. The country was scoured in all directions, but no trace of the culprits could be found. A great many farmers are losing harness and saddles now days, and could one of the thieving gentry be caught and an example made of him, this work might be stopped."

"Some sneak thief stole a set of double harness and a saddle from **Abe Bowman** Monday night, also a saddle from **C. H. Steeper** and one from **Chas. Zabriskie**. This kind of stealing has been going on for some time around here, and the first thing some fellow knows he will land in the penitentiary. Cards with the description of the stolen property has been sent out; and every effort will be made to bring the guilty party or parties to justice." -McLouth Champion

November 20, 1896:

"**Henry Kimmel** was taken down Tuesday with muscular rheumatism and has

been confined to his room since."
—McLouth Champion, p 3.

November 27, 1896:

"**Henry Kimmel** was confined to his house several days with rheumatism."

"**Clate Hummer** visited with Mr. Shoemaker's last Sunday." — McLouth Champion

Primary school students neither absent nor tardy for the month included **Ida Bowman** and **Nellie Bowman**, according to the McLouth Champion.

"Miss Jennie Smith, teacher of the primary department of our school, left for Kansas City Wednesday afternoon, to spend Thanksgiving with friends. **Miss Rosa Kimmel** taught school for her that afternoon."

December 18, 1896:

HARDING - DAVIS. Married . At the residence of the bride's father, near this city, Wednesday, December 16, 1896, by **Elder J. R. Kimmel**, Mr. W W Harding and Miss Stella, daughter of George W. Davis...

January 8, 1897:

"**Will Bowman** went back to college at McPherson Monday night, accompanied by his cousin **Miss Rosa Kimmel**, who will also attend college there."

January 15, 1897:

"**H. H. Kimmel** transacted business with the probate judge last Thursday."

"**Val Whitmer** of southern Kansas, was here Saturday and Sunday visiting his sisters, **Mrs. Abe Bowman** and **Miss Lettie**."

January 22, 1897:

"**Abe Bowman** was on the street Tuesday for the first for several days, having been laid up with a severe cold."
—McLouth Champion.

February 5, 1897:

"Miss **Emily Black** arrived back here from Illinois last Friday, and will again make her home with her aunt, **Mrs. A. J. Bowman**." [Emily's mother was **Susan Elizabeth Kimmel Black**.]

"**Elder J. R Kimmel** arrived home last Friday from Neosho, where he had been assisting in revival work for four weeks."

"**A. W. Whitmer** of this township is on the regular jury panel at Oskaloosa, this week."

"Nearly every one owning ice houses had them filled during the cold snap of this and last week....so that there will be no lack of ice here next summer."

February 26, 1897:

"**Andy Whitmer** was looking after business affairs at Valley Falls Tuesday." —McLouth Champion.

"**H H Kimmel** went to Topeka Saturday evening and spent Sunday in the capital city, returning Monday." —McLouth Champion.

"**Mrs. A J Bowman** and daughter **Nellie** Sundayed in Tonganoxie, returned home Monday." —McLouth Champion

"**Mrs. Henry Kimmel** left Tuesday evening for McPherson to visit her daughter, **Miss Rosa**, who is attending college there."

"T. E. Dick, **Abe Bowman** and Charlie Zabriskie were called to Wallula Wednesday, to appear as witnesses against Jake Wiseman, who was accused of handling the saddles that had been stolen from them. We understand the defendant was discharged."

February 19, 1897:

"J W Shrader is fixing to move on **H H Kimmel's** farm." —McLouth Champion.

"Theo. Dyck and **Abe Bowman** went to Leavenworth Monday morning in response to a telegram from Ed. E Harding. Abe returned in the evening with his stolen saddle and Theo. brought his home the next morning. They were found at and near Basehor." —McLouth Champion.

"**C. Hummer** sold 1,000 bushels of corn to Wm. Harker, price 15 cents per bushel." —McLouth Champion.

March 5, 1897:

"**Elder Kimmel** has been quite poorly for the past few days but is reported much better." —McLouth Champion

"**Mrs. H H Kimmel** returned from McPherson this morning, where she visited her daughter, **Miss Rosa**, the past week." —McLouth Champion.

"On Friday morning, **Mrs. Henry Kimmel** arrived home from McPherson where she had been visiting her daughter **Rosa**, who is attending college there."

"**Andy Whitmer** was in this city Tuesday afternoon, boasting about the new boy that had arrived at his home that day."
[**Ralph Whitmer**, born March 9, 1897.]

March 26, 1897:

A community program to be held that week included among speakers for the evening session, "**Rev. J. R. Kimmell**" at 7:45.

"**H H Kimmel** went to Topeka Saturday evening and spent Sunday in the capital city, returning Monday." —McLouth Champion.

Among WCTU officers, two vice presidents are **Mrs. Lizzie Bowman** and **Mrs. Ida Bowman**; Mrs. Lizzie Bowman is Treasurer. —McLouth Champion.

"**Mrs. Joseph Miller** and **Grandma Bowman** attended Dunkard meeting at Topeka this week." —McLouth Champion

"**Billy Bowman** came home from McPherson where he attended college the past winter, Saturday morning. He brought with him two diplomas, one for stenography and type writing and the other for bookkeeping. He is an intelligent, upright, business young man and

has a bright future before him."
—McLouth Champion.

Among the students with perfect attendance for the month in Primary Class was little **Anna Kimmel**, who was also one of those graduating from Primary room (44 students).

May 14, 1897:

"**Andy Bowman** is playing the part of full fledged granger this week. He is helping plant thirty-five acres of corn."
—McLouth Champion.

May 21, 1897:

Elder Kimmel is now very seriously ill at the residence of his son, **H. H. Kimmel** just east of this city. His ailment is of long age and an aggravated case of Bright's disease and his recovery is not expected.

"**Mrs. B. B. Whitmer** arrived here from Sumner county, last Thursday, to visit her daughters, **Mrs. Abe Bowman** and **Miss Lettie Whitmer**."

June 8, 1897:

"**Miss Rosa Kimmel** arrived home last Saturday morning from McPherson, where she had attended college for the past six months."

"In our last paper we stated that **Harry Bowman** had just shipped one car of cattle to Kansas City. It should of read two cars."

"Misses Hattie Comstock, Gertie Stout and Kittie Mills and **Will Bowman** attended the X rays lecture at Oskaloosa last Monday night."

June 11, 1897:

"**John** and **Jacob Kimmel** from near Dayton, Ohio, arrived here Wednesday to visit with their brother, **Elder David Kimmel**, who is quite ill."

June 18, 1897:

"**Miss Rosa Kimmel** returned from McPherson last Saturday morning, where she has been attending college for the past few months." —McLouth Champion

June 25, 1897:

"**Elder David Kimmel** has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to be out again."

"**J. W. Whitmer** of Conway Springs, Kas. has been here the past week visiting his sister **Mrs. Abe Bowman**."

July 9, 1897:

"**Elder David Kimmel** is again confined to the bed."

"**Rev. Reigle** of Stafford county, is here visiting his brother-in-law, **Elder David Kimmel**."

August 20, 1897:

"**Mr. J. H. Bowman** has sold 20 vehicles this year. Think that is good showing also, as there is another firm in town handling buggies, etc."

August 27, 1897:

"The Sunday school picnic in **Kimmel**

rove Wednesday, was well attended and all had a good time...."

John Bowman and wife and Miss **Emily Black** attended camp meeting near Easton this week. Rev. Brubaker is conducting the services."

Harry and **Abe Bowman** drove a large bunch of feeders through from Kansas City, last week. This is the third or fourth lot brought across country in the last two or three weeks."

September 3, 1897:

Misses **Rose Kimmel** and Anna Reynolds left last Monday evening for McPherson, where they expect to attend McPherson College this winter."

Elder **David Kimmel** died yesterday morning about 2 o'clock aged 71 years. Funeral services were held in the Funkard church this morning at 10:30 o'clock. The remains were interred in the new cemetery."

September 10, 1897:

Henry Kimmel bought the west half of J. W. Davis' farm which lies opposite the Baptist church, last Saturday, and on Monday sold the same to Dr. E. Jones, at a profit of \$100. He then purchased the 80 acres between his place and Mr. Davis on the east, of William Harding."

November 12, 1897:

Sheriff Ham passed through here Wednesday morning en route to the penitentiary with Kelsch of Meriden who receives 5 years for attempting to murder his wife, and the colored teacher who traded horses with **Andy Whitmer**, who gets one year."

January 7, 1898.

H H Kimmel started for Illinois Monday afternoon and will visit his sister and other relatives in that state."

February 4, 1898.

Miss Zula Gardner and Will Thompson were married in Oskaloosa by the Probate Judge January 31, 1898. They took supper at Mrs. Gardner's that evening and left for their home once. Will has rented **Andy Whitmer's** farm northeast of town and had the house all furnished ready for his bride...."

February 18, 1898.

Mrs **Rose Whitmer** was taken with rheumatism in her shoulder last week and got so bad she came in to see the physician. While in town she became so much worse that she has been sick in bed at Dr. Jones since that time."

March 18, 1898.

Grandma Kimmel has had another severe attack of heart trouble and is quite poorly. The minister came over from Osawkie this week to anoint her, so she hear."

March 25, 1898.

A J Bowman is preparing to put the acetylene gas light in his store. He intends to have about twelve lights which will make his store quite 'cityfied.'"

A J Bowman is having his gas lights

put in yesterday and today. He will have ten or twelve lights which will make his store nice and light. Mr. Dreisbach of Tonganoxie is putting in the fixtures."

"Little **Nellie Bowman** took quite sudden with sciatic rheumatism this week and is not able to walk and at first was in such misery could scarcely be moved."

April 15, 1898.

"**Frank Bowman** is already doing some good work in Holton. A gentleman wanted a drawing of a patent and came for one of the scholars to do the work. The professor sent him to **Frank**, who did the work in nice style and received \$2 for doing it."

"We hear that **A J Bowman** is strongly spoken of as a candidate for Representative. Mr. **Bowman** has many friends all over the district and if nominated will make a strong candidate. He came here more than 20 years ago with nothing, and by hard work and close attention to business he has established one of the best business houses in the town. No call for charity or public enterprise has failed to have his substantial support."

May 27, 1898.

An article outlining the history of McLouth, founded in 1881, makes note of the fact that "The town was incorporated in 1888, with **A J Bowman** as mayor..."

"Miss **Lettie Whitmer** left last Saturday for Morrill, Kansas, where she will visit a short time with her parents. She expects to attend Campbell University this summer. Miss **Whitmer** is a bright and energetic teacher and believes in keeping up with the times. She has twice taught the Intermediate department of our schools, and has given satisfaction. It is our opinion that our school board could do no better than to employ her as long as she is willing to teach here."

June 17, 1898.

"**Frank Bowman** arrived home from Holton last Friday where he has been for the past ten weeks attending Campbell University, taking pen art and painting. Frank brought home a specimen of his painting, which he was seven weeks in completing and which is a fine specimen. It is a very large picture, and **Frank** had it framed and in the art display at the close of the term. It received many favorable comments from both visitors and students. It is now on exhibition in his father's store."

"McLouth was visited last Friday by a peg leg rope and stilt walker. A man with one good leg and a deformed leg with a crutch fastened on at the knee and waist gave the people a few lessons in gymnastics. He first took a little stroll up and down the street on a pair of crutches something less than forty feet long, just to show his kind friends that it was not necessary for a man to have natural legs at all in order to navigate. He then proceeded to walk a tight rope which he had stretched across the street. In the bottom of his wooden leg or crutch, he placed a nail drove to keep him from stepping over the rope and with a balancing pole walked across the street on a rope both backward and forward. A small purse was made up for him, and he went on his way rejoicing for aught we know."

July 1, 1898.

"George McDonald, **Mrs. Andy Bowman** and daughter **Nellie** and **Mrs. Henry Kimmel** and **Ray** left last Monday for Excelsior Springs for a few weeks recreation and to try the mineral water. We hope they will return much improved in health..."

July 8, 1898.

"**Henry Kimmel** went over to Excelsior Springs and spent the Fourth with his wife and **Mrs. Bowman**, who are there for their health."

"**Mrs. Jesse Kimmel** left Tuesday afternoon for Excelsior Springs to try the mineral water for her health, which has been very poor of late."

"Miss **Lettie Whitmer** came down from Holton last Friday and spent the Fourth with friends here."

July 29, 1898.

"**Mrs A J Bowman** and **Mrs. Henry Kimmel** arrived home from Excelsior Springs Tuesday morning and are very much pleased with their trip."

August 19, 1898. "**Grandma Kimmel** and daughter were very pleasant callers on us this week and ordered the Times sent to her for a year."

"**Abe Bowman** and wife returned from a two-weeks trip visiting relatives in Brown County and attending the Trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha. Also reports that the corn in this immediate neighborhood is better than any he saw except that right around Omaha, that corn where he has been will not make half a crop. He thinks the exposition worth the time and money it would take to see it."

August 26, 1898.

A W Whitmer was one of the folks on the Parade Committee for the city's Sixth Annual Parade.

September 2, 1898.

"The annual Sunday school picnic was held in **H H Kimmel's grove**, Wednesday. There was a large crowd out and a fine time is reported."

"**Louie Kimmel** and Misses Anna Reynolds and **Rose Kimmel** left Monday evening for McPherson where they will attend school."

September 9, 1898.

"Wal Harding sold a fine cow to **Andy Whitmer** the first of the week. She is fine stock and weighs over 1,400 pounds."

"Quite a severe storm went over north of here Monday night, doing considerable damage. At both **Andy** and **Dan Whitmer's**, it was very severe and at John Harding's it blew down some shedding and unroofed a part of his barn. A great deal of corn was blown down also."

September 16, 1898.

"J W Ross and **A J Bowman** closed a deal this week whereby **Mr. Bowman** is possessor of the fine residence property

in the north part of town."

October 14, 1898.

"**H H Kimmel** et al., mortgagees, will have a sale at the E. Jones farm one mile south of McLouth on Oct. 17, 1898. Consisting of work horses, plows, harness, etc."

"While playing at school last Friday, **Oliver Hummer** ran a rusty nail into his foot, which caused him to have a very sore foot for a few days."

October 28, 1898.

"Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of **David Kimmel** deceased, that the undersigned intends to make final settlement as Executors of said estate at the next regular term of the Probate Court sitting in and for Jefferson County, State of Kansas, to be held at the office of the Probate Judge in Oskaloosa of said County, commencing on the 7th day of November, AD 1898. Said settlement will be made on the 25th day of November AD 1898.

"**Josiah R. Kimmel,**
"**Henry H. Kimmel,** Executors."

November 11, 1898.

"**Grandma Kimmel** was away about a week on a visit and when she came home found that some of her neighbors chickens had died, and they thought she had fed them something to kill them but she says it is a mistake."

January 6, 1899.

"Allie Gish and **Lettie Kimmel** made a short visit in Illinois during the holidays. One of the girls staid and one returned with Allie."

"Miss **Emily Black** departed for her home in Auburn, Illinois, Saturday to remain a month with her parents."

March 10, 1899.

"**Grandma Kimmel** returned from Chetopa, Saturday, where she has been visiting her son, and during the day went out doors on an errand and soon some one saw her lying on the ground where she had fallen and helped her into the house. Grandma is not very stout and once in a while has a spell when she just drops over where ever she happens to be, which makes it quite hard for her to live alone. We have not heard but hope she is around the house again."

March 31, 1899.

"Sunday School Association, McLouth April 8 and 9 at **G.B.B. Church.**" Morning session includes a discussion on the topic "What constitutes Sunday School success?" with **A J Bowman** as one of three speakers. On the second morning, **A J Bowman**, president, was scheduled for a brief address. Half an hour later, the schedule called for a discussion "Our elder scholars, where are they?" which included **J R Kimmel** as one of three responding to the topic.

December 1, 1899.

"Mrs. **Sarah Kimmel** has returned from Lawrence and will make her home in

McLouth hereafter."

"Thanksgiving services were held in the Baptist church and all denominations in town were present and took some part in the services. **Rev. Josiah Kimmel** preached the sermon, and every one enjoyed it."

April 21, 1899.

"Miss **Rose Kimmel** will graduate at McPherson college in June. She has made music a specialty and recently was director of a recital given at the college."

"**Henry Kimmel** is raising the south wing of his house another story. Unfortunately a portion of the roof was off during the hard rain Wednesday evening."

June 23, 1899.

"**Horse Thief Captured.**

"Last Friday a rather seedy looking pilgrim unloaded from a freight train at this place and Saturday was on the streets here and engaged to work for Wm. Denney. He went home with Denney and staid over night and on Sunday suggested that if he had a way he would go to town, when Mr. Denney pointed to the road as the way he would go if he wanted to go to town. The hint sufficed and the fellow 'hit the road.'

"After coming to town he was observed by a great many, was dressed in a brown coat, blue overalls, slouch hat and rubber boots. His head seemed to bulge at the top, had a red face and roman nose yet nothing in particular was thought of him.

"At the Methodist church Sunday night two little boys were standing by the hitchrack when the fellow untied **Walter Kimmel's** horse and said he guessed he wo'd try it to see how it went, or something to that effect, then jumped on and rode off. The boys immediately went into the church and whispered it around but before anyone could intercept him he was out of sight and no one knew which way he went. The town in general was soon notified and great excitement prevailed, nothing however being done that night.

"Next morning **Mr. Kimmel** telephoned to the different towns around, and offered a reward for the horse. The thief was caught in Tonganoxie Monday afternoon, and John Thomas, **Andy Whitmer** and Robt. Walters went down paid the reward and brought the prisoner back to this place where he had his preliminary conducted by county attorney Raines and was taken to the county jail by deputy sheriff Kyle.

"After the thief left here he is said to have met a pal or several pals and went to Springdale and robbed E L Clement's store. A number of articles were with him which Mr. Clements has since identified. The man who is supposed to have been his pardner passed through here Monday and traded horses with Arthur Guest. He staid at John Martz's Sunday night and would not stay in the house but slept outside.

"NOTES. The county offers a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of horse thieves. Who will get it?

"Marshal Thomas and Robert Walters were out Tuesday morning to capture the rest of the gang but the birds had flown. It is believed there were several of the gang doing business on the company plan.

"The thief left **Mr. Kimmel's** horse in a pasture three miles this side of Tonganoxie and walked on into town. He gave his name as Sanderson....

"The thief was at the Methodist church a short time and stopped at Wild Horse to see the mormon elders a while, thus visiting two churches and two jails within 24 hours. Opinions differ as to the shrewdness of the thief, in our estimation he certainly acted like a greener."

December 29, 1899.

"Miss **Ruby Kimmel** came home from Ottawa last Saturday and will spend her vacation at home."

"Mrs. **David Kimmel** came up from Lawrence last Friday and will stay with McLouth friends for some time."

September 1, 1899:

"Last Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. **Clem Hummer** and the older children went to church at Leaverton, leaving the baby, who is about 18 months old, at home with the other small children. They all went to bed, and when the parents came home the baby was gone. A search was begun at once. The alarm was given and the whole neighborhood started on a search with lanterns. The child was found between 12 and 1 o'clock about 100 yards west of the house, lying asleep in the weeds." [Surely this "baby" would have to be David D. Hummer, born Sept. 1897.]

December 1, 1899.

"Mrs. **Sarah Kimmel** has returned from Lawrence and will make her home in McLouth hereafter."

"Thanksgiving services were held in the Baptist church and all denominations in town were present and took some part in the services. **Rev. Josiah Kimmel** preached the sermon, and every one enjoyed it."

December 29, 1899.

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Martha Kimmel Hummer descendants

From **Martha Hall of Booker, TX**, a June 2002 letter:
"Enclosed is



Family mailbox

an obituary of **Mary V Hummer**, wife of **David D. Hummer**. Our mother continued her Christian witness until the day before her death by expressing her joyous promises of heaven and exhortation to never reject Christ.

Our parents were blessed with long, exemplary lives. Their legacy continues as a role model for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; the impact of their lives to extended family members and the community.

Our father **David Hummer** was, until his death in 1992, the last of **David and Leah Kimmel's** grandchildren.

Two of the great-grandsons graduated from college this spring.

David Urban, Amarillo, TX., graduated from Rice University and will enter graduate school at Princeton University. **Cody Parks**, Perryton, TX., graduated from West Texas A&M University and will enter graduate school at WTA&M University.

Two great-grandchildren graduated from high school. **Catherine Urban** will attend Georgetown University, which is near Austin, TX; and **Richard Hall**, Scottsdale, AZ, will attend a junior college in Phoenix, AZ.

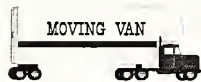
Henry H. Kimmel descendants:

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An e-note from **Janet Arvidson** of Kansas City: "Hi! Here is the rest of the story. At Constantinople she [Lydia Bowman Kimmel] could not enjoy the sights for the many hungry dogs that

lay around on the sidewalks in heaps, but the mosques with the many minarets were of interest.

On the way to Beirut they passed Crete and the Isle of Patmos. At Beirut they visited a Presbyterian mission, and she told of the good work being done there. Then on to Damascus. **Mr. Kimmel** told of the crooked, narrow streets of this city and the one street called Strait through which Paul was directed, being the only straight street in the city. They began a 200-mile trip from here to Jerusalem on horseback and camped at night. In pointing out places of interest on the map, **Mrs. Kimmel** quoted the Bible passage about each one or related the story which made it of interest to all. They were in Nazareth over Sunday and attended services in the city. **Mrs. Kimmel** said the service was all in Arabic, but they knew it must be good, for the preacher seemed very much in earnest. In the evening they held services in their dining tent which some from the city attended. This country, most of the trip, was nothing but loose rocks, even the trail which the horses or camels trod, they being shod over the whole foot instead of as our horses. At the place they went into a field to watch men plow with a wooden plow and oxen,

as in Bible times, when the cattle took fright and ran away. They saw lepers; Jacob's Well; the place of the Nativity; the pit into which Joseph was thrown by his brothers; where the water was turned into wine; where the swine rushed into the sea and were drowned; the wall where Paul was let down to save his life; where Jacob with a stone for a pillow saw the ladder from Heaven; and they bathed in the Sea of Galilee. The talk closed on their arrival at Jerusalem and will be finished at some future date."



We have an e-mail from **Gary Connelly** on Feb. 11, 2002: "The new address for **Jean Kimmel Connelly** and husband **Gary** is 1748 Norwood Creek Way, Powhatan VA 23139."

From **Dick Kimmel** of Kansas City, MO, we have an e-mail dated March 13:



"Last September we (**Ruth & Dick Kimmel**) took a motor home trip through Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. We met with **Betty & Bob Kimmel** of Fort Myers, FL, at their daughter and son-in-law's (**Jean & Gary Connelly**) new home in Powhatan VA. After several days of touring and visiting in that area, we left for an RV park just south of Washington DC the morning of Sept. 11. Our intention was to go to DC that afternoon and spend several days in the area.

"Upon arriving at the RV park, we were greeted with the news of the attack on New York and the Pentagon. We ate lunch in the motor home, discussed the matter, and decided to head for home immediately. We had taken 3 weeks to get there and came back home in 3 days.

"That same morning, **Bob & Gary** drove to the subway station south of the Pentagon and took the train to the Smithsonian Museum. They arrived about 5 minutes before opening time and, about 15 minutes after opening time, thought it was unusual that the doors were not opened. Soon a patrolman advised them the museum would not open because of the attack on New York and the Pentagon.

"They hurried back to the subway station and boarded a very crowded train heading back south. It went directly to the end of the line with no stops, where they got their car and went back to Powhatan.

"**Bob & Betty** had to extend their stay in Powhatan several days until the airplanes were flying again. **Bob** said the timing was such that the train had probably passed the Pentagon station just minutes before the plane hit the building. They were probably at about the Potomac River when the attack occurred.

"Needless to say, **Bob's** lifelong ambition to see the Air and Space museum was not realized."

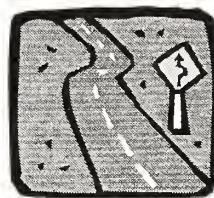


We have a May 13 e-mail from **Sharron Bower McGill** of Wichita KS: "Good morning! We had a very nice week end. Saturday morning I ran the 6.2 mile River Run. I took 38 seconds off of last year's time. It was very windy, the last 3 miles of the run wore me out! My time was 50:13.

"During the afternoon, **Gary, Jennifer** and I went to the Book & Art Fair. I looked for southern artists. There were several from Missouri, so I picked up a couple business cards for **Virginia**. For Mother's Day, **Gary & Jennifer** each bought me a picture, so I have some beautiful pictures to hang in my new office at work."

June 1, 2002: **Sharron Bower McGill** finished the Race for Justice Duathlon in 2:13:55. She was first for her age group (45-49).

"A July 9 postcard showing snow-covered mountains from **Bob Bower**: "Hello. Montana has nice weather now. Heading out of Missoula towards Glacier and Canada. Then will turn around and go toward Washington state (Yakima) to visit friends. Have not broken down for a week... Had great fireworks 4th in Missoula."



Another postcard from **Bob Bower** at the end of July, showing a view of an area in the Purcell Mountains, BC. "Area near Radium Hot Springs BC. Heading toward Yakima, Washington next. Been to Banff, Alberta. Weather was hot for several weeks, but at least we could see the mountains this time. Mobile home still running."



Fred & Johnny Bower of Wichita drove down to Phoenix AZ this spring to spend the week visiting with **Kathy Bower** and her family. They got acquainted with Fred's great-grand-children, **Diego & Angeli-lique Becerra**, the children of Kathy's daughter **Wendy Barnett**. They also did a little rock hunting and sightseeing. Fred says he's ready to go back again.

The family grapevine says that **Kathy's** son **Shawn Barnett** will be tying the knot with **Shawna** this November in Phoenix.

Fred Bower was the honoree at an early birthday dinner in July, just before he turned 70. Among those helping him celebrate were **Johnny Bower, Marilyn Bower, Gary & Sharron Bower McGill, Jennifer McGill**, and Margaret McGill.



Right after the party, **Gary & Sharron** flew off to Seattle to visit friends for several days, then flew to Phoenix to visit Sharron's sister, **Kathy Bower**.

Marilyn Griffin Bower of Wichita KS called August 12 to give us a new address for **Glen Bower**, who now lives and works in Overland Park, KS. She was upbeat and happy. "It rained!

Finally!" She says in June she spent a week with her mom, who lives near Topeka.



Marilyn will be joining members of her high school graduating class the week of Sept

14-21 on a reunion cruise in the Caribbean. The ship will take them from Ft. Lauderdale, FL, to Jamaica, Grand Cayman Island, Cozumel MX, and Key West on the ship *Mercury*.

Cassandra Tompkins

of Columbia, MO, turned 17 August 1 and promptly signed a contract to go into the Army next summer, after she graduates from high school. **Cass** has already passed some

of her tests and has been promised a place in Army Intelligence. She will take Basic Training at Ft. Bragg, NC, beginning July 28, and then go to The Presidio for intensive foreign language training for more than a year.

Mike & DeeDee Tompkins, Cass's parents, are apparently getting ready to handle an empty nest. They just added a second Papillon puppy, bringing their menagerie to two dogs, three cats, and two ponds of koi and other fish.



From Kobe, Japan, comes an e-mail from **Jack (Randy) & Diane Mason** on August 14: "...I wanted to give you an update on our life for the past six months. In June and July we had one of our traditional home-leaves to the States and around the world with 17 flights. We flew from Osaka to the big island, Hawaii, and enjoyed the beach, the Volcano National Park, where we could get within six feet of lava, see America's largest ranch and spectacular water falls.

"From Hawaii we went to Seattle and then on to Chicago, where **Jack** worked the week, and **Diane** and the kids visited the dentist and doctors. We enjoyed staying and fellowshiping with our friends in Yorkville. **Jack** traveled to New Hampshire to visit a Caterpillar dealer and then met up with the rest of the family at the Detroit airport, where they flew on to Atlanta to spend a few days with Jack's mom (**Virginia Bower Mason**).

"From Atlanta we flew to Albany, NY, where we traveled to upstate NY, where we stayed the week at the Word of Life camp. **Tiff & Jess** were on the island, **Aaron** was at the Ranch, and Mom and Dad suffered at the Inn. It was unusually hot, but by divine intervention we were up-graded to a room with air conditioning. We enjoyed the messages, 4th of July celebra-tion, and the fellowship with our friends and the youth group from Bible Baptist Church.

"Next we flew to Dublin, Ireland, where we

saw the sights for several days. When we arrived, we were pleasantly surprised to see **Steve & Diane Williamson** (friends from Japan that just moved to England). We enjoyed their fellowship while seeing Dublin. We liked the coastline and the friendly people the most.

"After home leave we settled in to start our fifth year in Japan. Tight budgets at Caterpillar have limited the job movements both overseas and the USA, so we are planning to stay until the Lord leads with the right job, whether six months, a year or beyond. We like Japan, the people, our church and the work, so staying another year is not a problem. The kids really enjoy the safe-ty, freedom, transportation, and their international school, Canadian Academy.

"Our church, Kobe International Baptist Church, continues to grow spiritually, and every week we have a new family or two. For the past year and half, we three Deacons have had the privilege of shepherding the flock. It has been a challenge at times, but quite a blessing. The Deacons and Area Missionary and a seminary student take turns preparing Sunday's message. It has been a great joy to see the people growing spiritually and serving in Children's Church, Sunday School, setting up in the Norwegian School, leading music and playing the piano.

"The Deacons' challenge has been in trying to find internationally-minded Pastor that would be God's choice to shepherd our flock. ...Please pray for our wisdom as we seek God's will for His man in Kobe.

"The kids are growing physically, men-tally, emotionally and socially. **Aaron** is 11 and going into middle school sixth grade. **Jessica** is 14 and will be a freshman this year. **Tiffany** is 16 and will be a junior this year. They are all about as tall as their mom.

"**Aaron** is quite good in soccer and enjoys playing with high school and college-age boys. He will be taking Beginning Band and is the best at Japanese in our family.

"**Jessica** will be in her third year in Band, playing the trumpet. She is quite good at basketball, especially the three-pointers from a distance. She is the organized one.

"**Tiffany** would like to have her US driver's license, but doesn't. You can't drive until you are 18 in Japan, so the peer pressure isn't so bad. She did get a new car for her birthday...but it was a 1/25 scale model. **Tiffany** likes volley-ball and softball. She is studying hard and getting good grades, as college selection is right around the corner. **Tiffany** would like to go to Word of Life Bible Institute for one year and then on to college.

"**Diane** enjoys Japan, as every day is a new adventure. She enjoys shopping and traveling. She is



teaching an English class, works one day a week at the community house assisting internationals, takes weight training and tennis lessons. She leads the music at church, helps me with teaching the Youth Group, and keeps our family moving forward.

"I almost forgot, we did add a small addition to our family in July, an American Short Hair kitten, named **Takai**. *Takai*

means expensive in Japanese, and you well guess that nothing is cheap in Japan including a kitten.

"As I close, I would covet your prayers for wisdom in selecting a Pastor for our church the job/country/neighborhood of our future move, and **Tiffany's** college selection that God desires for us in this next year. Thank you for your friendship. Please write us and tell us what is going on in your life."

Recently **L A Holley** from Stephenson Co, IL, genealogy list, sent some quotes from June 1872 *Christian Family Companion*, p 30, the editor says he went from Dutch to a Love Feast at West Branch, and among those attending were **D M Miller** and **Michael Kimmel** of Dutchtown. On p 44 same is this statement: "Others from Somerset County (PA) settled in this locality (Dutch town/Milledgeville) among whom were the ministers and their families: **Martin Meyer** (1863), brother of **Henry Myers**; **Michael Kimmel** & **Daniel M. Miller**, his brother-in-law (1864).

Debby Bliss of DebbyBliss@aol.com straightened me out about who this **Michael Kimmel** was. "Jan, this group is very close to my own.... I'm a descendant of **Jonathan Kimmel & Susanna Meyers**. I also descend from **Henry Miller & Rachel Felt** and from **Joseph Miller & Catherine Livengood**. ...**Daniel M. Miller's** wife, **Mary Lichty**, was a sister of **Nancy Lichty** (1818-1862), first wife of **Michael M. Kimmel**. That is how **Daniel M Miller** and **Michael Kimmel** were brothers-in-law. **Michael M. Kimmel** was a son of **Jonathan Kimmel** (1798-1878) and **Susanna Meyers** (1799-1883). ...**Michael M Kimmel** is AC_BBJB Tim's Kimmel listing... Members of these families lived together in Somerset Co. PA, Carroll Co., IL, Richardson Co., NE, and Brown Co., KS at various times."

From Mamie1866@aol.com, discussing Whiteside Co., IL on June 11, 2002: "The **Gibler**, **Turney**, **Kimmel** families were located in Somerset Co. PA, in the late 1700s. The **Turneys** were from Addison Twp, and they are references to Stony Creek. The **Kimmels** lived at 'The Glades.' **George** and **Mary Turney** had 7 known children. **Eve Turney** married **John Kimmel**; her sister **Catherine** married **John's** brother **Adam Kimmel**; her other sister, **Esther**, married **Christian Gibler** and brother **Jacob** married **Mary Horner**. The group left Somerset Co. PA around 1800 and settled in Cheat River, WV (which at that time was on track for a migration into eastern Ohio). By 1813 all of these families had settled in Rymond Twp, Harrison Co., OH. **Turney** brothers **John**, **George**, and **Philip** remained in Somerset Co. PA. In 1856, **Jacob Turney's** widow, **Mary**, and her son **Jacob's** family migrated to Whiteside Co. IL...

From **Darrell & Charlotte Apple** of Gladstone, MO, a Feb 7 note giving their new address: "We sold our bed and breakfast in December, so have retired--again. So we're adjusting to apartment life very well. Especially during the ice storm when we didn't have to worry about downed lines, broken trees, icy sidewalks, etc. We're hoping now to have more time to get back into our genealogy research & travel.

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HUMMERS GATHER IN KANSAS TO ENJOY A LITTLE 'OKLAHOMA!'

by Susan Coughenour Lundstrom

Lindsborg, KS, is home to Broadway RFD, the longest running outdoor theater in Kansas. This summer's performance was **'Oklahoma!'** In the cast was 18-year-old Eric Lundstrom (a David & Leah Kimmel descendant) as the villain Judd Fry.

Eric is the son of Greg and Susan Lundstrom, grandson of Dean and Verla Hummer Coughenour, and great-grandson of Melvin and Pearl Hummer. (Melvin, of course, was a grandson of David and Leah Riegel Kimmel.)

Family members, with Hummer connections, gathered one lovely July evening to enjoy the outdoor performance in Lindsborg.

Special guests were MaryLou Hummer and Dianne Thorpe from the Perryton, TX, area. Mary Lou's husband, David Hummer, and Dianne's mother, Marjorie Hummer Urban, were children of Dave and Mary Hummer. Also in attendance were Dean and Verla Hummer Coughenour and Bebe Coughenour (daughter of Evan) from Manhattan, KS.

Hummer cousins (children and grandchildren of Lloyd Hummer)

included Whitney Hummer Short, husband Steve and children Genny, Austin and Hazen, from Manhattan, KS; Karen Hummer Lickteig and children Nathan, Helena and Greta from Portland, OR; Keaton and Anna Frerker, children of Erika Hummer Frerker from Wichita KS. It was wonderful to have so many Hummers join us for the evening.

An early boombox, Kimmel style

From *The Perry Mirror*,
Thursday February 2, 1922:

"Ray Kimmel has a new megaphone attachment for his wireless receiving

apparatus which he says is loud enough to 'hear it out in the road.'

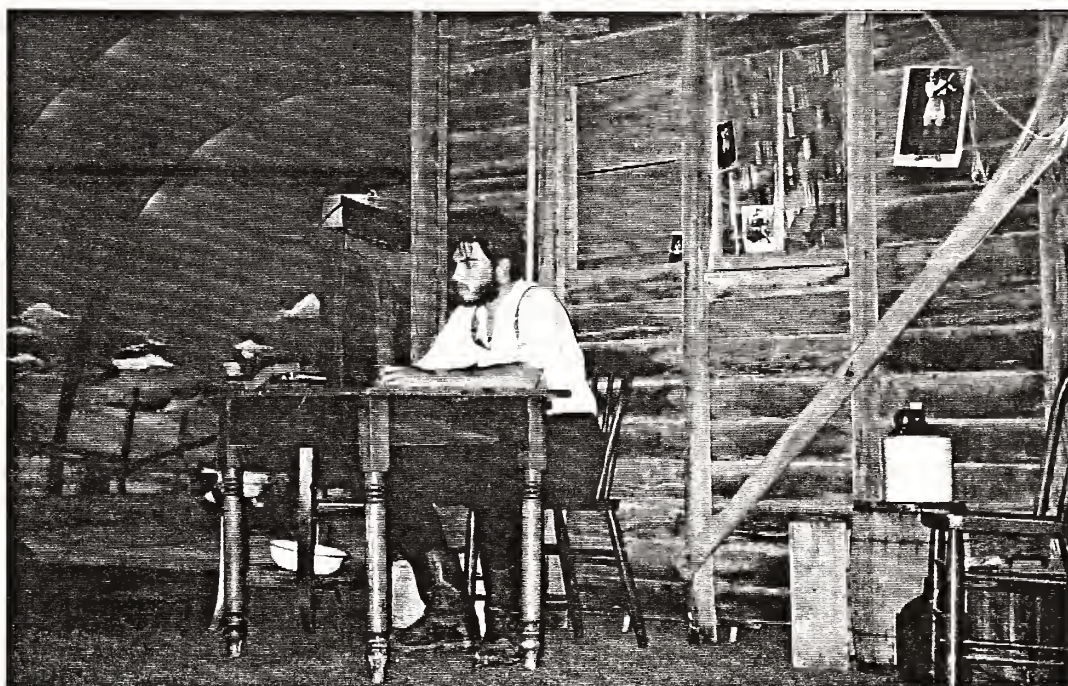
"Last Sunday night was pretty cold for going to church but that didn't bother the Kimmels. They sat by their fireside and listened to three sermons in succession, the first at Pittsburgh, Pa., the second at Independence, Mo., the third at Denver.

"The sermons were delivered about 8 o'clock in their respective cities, but the hour's difference each way in standard time enabled the Kansas man to hear all three one after the other."

1907 KIMMEL JOURNEY SAGA CONTINUES

More from *"A Trip Through Europe and the Orient"* by Henry H and Lydia Bowman Kimmel (1908).

CAESAREA PHILIPPI, WEDNESDAY, Oct 30. - Left Kaferhawer early this morning and rode until 12 o'clock, over the most terrible roads imaginable. They pitched a tent for us to eat our lunch in, as there were no trees near. We rested about two hours, then started again and if any difference, the roads were worse than this morning. It is wonderful how these horses pick their way through the rocks, some places there is scarcely enough room for them to walk. We went up and



Eric Lundstrom as Judd Frye in Broadway RFD's 2002 production of 'Oklahoma!'

Diane Thorpe, Eric Lundstrom (as Judd Frye), and Mary Lou Hummer.



down winding stairs all day and then some places we turn square corners at the steepest and rockiest points, and the path just wide enough for the horses to pick their way through.

Mrs. Harter was completely worn out before we got here, she had to stop and rest a while. I stuck to it until we got to this village, then with Mr. Murray's help I hobbled along until I could straighten up. We went out back of the village to see the first source of the Jordan. There are great, high rocks and from underneath these rocks gushes out the nicest clear water. We all drank and then drank some more. It tasted good and we knew it was pure, and knew also that these waters help to make up the Jordan River.

We sat down on the rocks by the water's edge and had our pictures taken. Nearly all the country we passed over today is very rough and barren looking, only once in a while we would see a spot of green, but the rains will soon come and then things will look better. This is the first place where Christ had been. It is at the foot of Mt. Hermon and it is believed that it was on this Mount that the transfiguration took place, Mark 1:1-10. Here also is where Christ asked the disciples the question, "Who say people that I am?" We got in late this evening, so did the cook. We had a late supper. Heard jackals crying around this evening. I am very tired, rode between 22 and 25 miles today.

JORDAN, THURSDAY, Oct. 31. - We left camp this morning at 6:15 o'clock. The first two hours ride was very rough. About an hour after starting we reached the second source of the Jordan. Great volumes of water gushes from beneath the rocks. Just above this is the site of the ancient city of Dan, and is called the Hill of Dan. This is the beginning of Palestine proper. We read in the Bible "from Dan to Beersheba." After the second hour's ride we got to the third or west source of the Jordan. There is an old Roman bridge there, that is the first bridge we have crossed since leaving Damascus. It is very narrow, is high above the water and rather long, with no protection on the sides. It looked rather dangerous but we all got over safely. We ate our lunch under a large oak tree. There was a graveyard close by. Some one spied a chameleon on a branch of the tree. Mr. Nissaire threw a stick and struck the limb and it fell, he then put a hat over it and it turned from a light green color to almost black. The sun was very hot for a while but about two in the afternoon there was a cool breeze, which continued until evening. We had good roads most of the day, came through the Jordan valley most of the time.

We saw some corn in roasting ears, passed a threshing floor where they were threshing some kind of grain near

a Bedouin village. They were also reading out corn with oxen. Some men were husking, and then they spread a lot of it on a smooth patch of ground, and the oxen tramp round and round until it is shelled. We read in the Scriptures, "Muzzle not the ox that treadeth out the corn," so I guess that was their way of shelling corn in the time of Christ. We saw large droves of goats, cattle and water buffalo.

Reached camp a little after 5 o'clock, not nearly as tired as last night. We are camping near a Jewish village. It looks so much nicer here than any place we have seen in the last few days. We went to a Jewish home this evening to get a drink. They were very sociable and everything looked nice and clean, it looked like civilization around there. There are several of those Jewish villages near. The Rothschilds have bought a lot of land here and put those people here to improve the country. The villages look rather American. Rode 27 miles today.

SEA OF GALILEE, FRIDAY, Nov. 1 - We left camp at 6:30 a.m. and rode about three hours. Got along fine. Reached Capernaum before 10 a.m. Ancient Capernaum is all in ruins and has been for ages. There has been some excavating done of late years, the synagogue has been unearthed and they expect to rebuild it with the same material. There are many fine rocks and columns there, the stairway is just as it was in the time of Christ. We walked over them. It was here that Christ performed many of His notable miracles. There are a few buildings here now for the use of the men who are doing the work. We got into sailboats at Capernaum and rode across to Bethsaida Julius. They rowed us close to shore as they could and then the boatmen took us on their backs and carried us ashore. We picked up a lot of shells, then rested a while where the Jordan runs into the sea. It is not far from this place where the five thousand were fed and to the east of the sea we can see the country of the Gadarenes, where the swine ran down into the sea and were choked by the waves. To the west is Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene, and to the northwest are the plains of Genesaret. At the present time there is but one city of any importance around the Sea of Galilee, while in the time of our Saviour there were many populous cities around here. After spending some time on shore, we were carried back again to the boats.

12:30 P.M. - Just got through eating our lunch. The sun has been pretty hot, but we are enjoying the ride on the Sea of Galilee very much. We dipped water out of the sea to drink. There is no salt in it. The sea has been very smooth so far and as we go along we are reminded on the many times that our Saviour rode on these same waters and how he stilled the tempest.

4 P.M. - The sea got a little rough before we reached the western shore but just enough to give us a taste of what it is sometimes. Then some one sang, "Pull for the Shore." We landed at a place called Hot Springs. From there we walked up along the coast for a mile and a half to Tiberias, passing on the way a cemetery where there is a high mound over each grave covered with some kind of mortar or cement as white as snow, reminding us of the Saviour's language when he likened the Scribes and Pharisees to "whited sepulchers full of dead men's bones." Got into camp about 3 p.m.. Some of the men bought watermelons, they taste just like they do in America.

TIBERIAS, 9 P.M. - We just got back from taking a bath in the Sea of Galilee. Some of the party could swim but I would not venture out very far. It was pretty dark and the rocks were thick on the bottom and not being provided with bathing slippers it was rather hard on the feet. The water seemed rather cool at first but we enjoyed it immensely and just feel fine after our bath. This has been a day rich in interest and experiences. We had fish for supper that were taken from the Sea of Galilee. The sea is seven miles wide and thirteen miles long.

NAZARETH, SATURDAY, Nov. 2 - Tiberias before sunup this morning, traveled over hills and valleys. Abdullah took me a different route from the rest (Henry was with me), therefore we missed being on the Mount of Beatitudes. We thought he was just taking a nearer route and would join the party later, but we missed it altogether. The rest went up on the Mount and had Scripture reading and prayer. We were close enough to see the Mount of Beatitudes. We met later and went up on Mt. Tabor and ate our lunch there. This is a dome shaped mountain and quite steep, so much so that we had to do a lot of winding around to get to the top. It is 2,000 ft high. There must have been quite a city on the top of this Mount at one time, as there are extensive ruins there. Several churches are there now and some dwellings. One has a magnificent view of the surrounding country from there. We could see Mt. Carmel in the distance. That is where the prophet Elijah called fire from heaven to consume the water and sacrifice, and the prophets of Baal called on their gods but he would not answer. I would not risk riding down this steep mountain and Mrs. Harter and Bro. Greiff were the same notion, so we walked. Mr. Harter started down first and got off the right track and almost got lost. When we got to the foot of the Mount with the help of Abdullah and another fellow, mounted my horse and rode again up hill and down hill. Finally, got to a long steep hill which was so bad that we all dismounted and walked down. I think the hill must be a half mile long. Then we rode on until we

reached Cana of Galilee where Christ performed the first miracle. There is a church built on the site where the marriage was. They showed us a large water pot they claim was used at that time, they also claim that there was only one spring there at the time, that the water was taken from it that was made into wine, and THAT spring is used to this day. It is quite a little walk from this spring now, and the women and girls carry water from this spring now, in big jars on their heads. We also saw there Nathaniel and Bartholomew well. From Cana to Nazareth we had a nice carriage road, a distance of four or five miles. We reached Nazareth about 6 p.m. and before we were off our horses the women and boys were around us trying to sell postcards, plates, doilies, etc. The women and girls do such nice needle work here. Most of us made some purchases. We did not see a vehicle of any description between Damascus and Tiberias and not one today, everything is carried on horses, donkeys and camels.

NAZARETH, SUNDAY, Nov. 3. – This morning we went to the Church of the Annunciation, a Roman Catholic church. This has been built on the site of a church built by St. Helena and her son Constantine in the Second century, in the spot where the virgin Mary lived and where the Angel Gabriel announced to her that she was blessed among women and would be the mother of the Messiah which was to come. They also showed us an underground room that they say was Mary's kitchen. I tell you we did not drink while we were in that building. It seemed a sacred place to me. We were in a church that was built on the site of the synagogue where Christ stood up to read on the Sabbath day, as this custom was, Luke 4:16-31.

Then we went to a chapel built on the additional spot of the carpenter shop of Joseph. There is a fine painting there of the holy family. Saw the traditional place where they took Christ to the top of the hill and would have cast him down headlong but he passed through the crowd and went away, Luke 4:29-

30. All these places are held very sacred by the Christians, of which there are 8,000 there and 4,000 Moslems. We went to Protestant services, the singing and preaching were in the Arabic language, but we enjoyed it. The preacher was in earnest so we thought it was all right even if we could not understand it.

Some of the women that came to our tents last night came again today. They are Christians and are all right. Some of them sold goods to Mr. Murray's party last year. They took us to a Greek wedding. They thought it was to be at a church but when we reached the church we learned that it would be at the home of the groom, so up hill we went to the house. It was crowded to overflowing and the yard was full too. Such a mixture! There were all classes represented there from the lowest to the well to do. Every one goes that wants to seemingly and such a time as they had.

There were a lot of men in the room where the groom was and from the noise they made they must have been filled with new wine. They were singing, or rather hollowing and every little while they would fire a gun right in the house.

Some women met us on the outside and conducted us into the room where the bride was. Everyone stood aside and made room for the strangers to get to the bride. We shook hands with her and she raised our hands to her lips and kissed them. She looked anything but happy and I don't wonder. She was sitting way back in the room and it was literally jammed with people of every description. I know she must have been almost suffocated and then perhaps she was afraid someone would shoot her intended. She was dressed in white silk and had an abundance of jewelry. She had her face and hands tattooed, they do that to make them look pretty, but it makes them look hideous to us. She was from Cana and now she will have to be subject to her husband and mother-in-law. We did not stay to see the ceremony

performed, some of the party thought it would not be safe to stay. On the way back a young man told us that they get so hilarious at weddings sometimes that some one is shot.

We went to the homes of the two ladies that went with us to the wedding. In the first home there was a long sofa on one side of the room. That and two chairs, a clock, a very small stand and a mat on the floor completed the furnishings, but everything was clean. There were not seats enough for all, so she brought some cushions and we all were seated some way. Bro. Longanecker got us all seated around Oriental fashion and took our pictures, there were a number of others with us. The lady of the house treated us to nuts and Turkish delights, which are fine. After that she brought in some figs, prickly pears and Turkish coffee. She was poor but very hospitable and we greatly enjoyed our little visit with them.

We had Sunday school this morning right after breakfast, in the dining tent. This evening Bro. Crist preached, a number from the city were present. We had a good meeting together and all enjoyed it very much. This surely has been a day long to be remembered. Two months ago today Mr. and Mrs. Murray were married and they celebrated by making some good old fashioned potato salad. It was fine, even Henry ate some of it, although he don't like onions. Think there must be some kind of a dance going on somewhere not far away. I can hear some kind of singing and queer music. I heard it last night until almost midnight. It may be the Mohammedans celebrating the Feast of Ramadan.

NEXT: On to Samaria and Jerusalem.



THE INTREPID R-Ver's 2002 TRAVEL DIARY

trip notes by Bob Bower

We are in Kalispell, MT. Weather hot – 90's – but cool at night.

We left home on May 15 at 5:00 a.m. I had spent 4 months going over everything on motor home. Some things 3 or 4 times. So what happens? The headlights would not come on. Clearance lights/tail lights all worked (3x). I had not bothered with headlights because they always worked. It was before sunrise, so we headed to the truck stop for fuel. There I kept checking and checking the lights; finally the headlights came on. They have worked well since.

We went to Parker (county seat 35 miles north) for quick breakfast and fueled up so as to make sure of getting to Las Vegas

Lydia Bowman Kimmel on her donkey near the walls of Jerusalem, 1907



without paying for high gas prices (\$1.90+ in California). When we stopped at Burger King, I noticed liquid leaking down from fuel pump area. Gas line leaking. I had replaced 'all' gas lines with new hoses. Luck would have it that it was only a return line and leaked only a pint of fuel. I replaced part of this line in Las Vegas. I also added some super-duper expensive transmission fluid that Eileen's brother Kenny had.



We headed on north a few days later. We stopped near some gold mines just north of Panaca—

approximately 200 miles. The next day we were going on north. NOT! Everything was kaput! No lights, no ignition, nada! I finally traced it down to a fuse near the battery. The fuse checked out electrically but still did not function. I finally bypassed it. Back on the road again.

We left the next a.m., going north on US 93. We saw no more than 6 cars in 100 miles. We arrived at Great Basin National Park with cool but nice weather. We paid for 2 nights' camping. We woke up to 2" of snow and very cold. 20's & 40+ MPH winds. Heater only warmed us to 58 degrees inside. We went back down to tour the Lehman Cave. The mountain is over 13,000 feet high, but you could not go up. The cave was nice, worth the few dollars they charge. Guided tour, too. Weather report called for more cold and snow and very windy. We left without staying that second night.

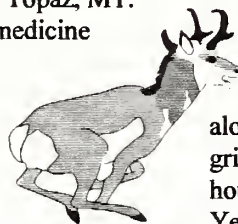
The computer had said there was fuel available in the small town below. Wrong! We had to go to Border, a gas stop casino on the Nevada/Utah line about 8 miles away. We fueled up there, because the next gas was 85 miles away.

As we pulled away from the pump, the motor home was sluggish. We could back up fine. No forward. Transmission was gone. No warning at all. The next a.m., I decided the only help might be in a small town just south in Utah. I put the thing in reverse and backed (yes, BACKED UP 8 miles) to there.

A rancher asked us if we were okay. I met him again at that small town and told him the problem. He said if I could locate a replacement, he would take me to Cedar City, Utah, where he was going in a day or two—130 miles away. I located one in Cedar City and the rancher picked me up early one morning. He was heading to Cedar City to pick up green-card Mexicans to work in his rock quarry. The Mexicans had arrived at 3:00 a.m. to below-freezing temperatures and no bus station open. We could not find them. Finally, we located them at Wal-Mart. We picked up the transmission and new parts and headed back the 130 miles to that little town. Cost \$230 plus his gas money.

We had left Great Basin on Wednesday. We left with the new transmission installed on Saturday. I'd never put one in before, especially in a field. (Temperature 40 degrees and windy.)

We went to Cedar City to return the old transmission and do laundry, etc., then headed back up north toward Topaz, MT. We found and filled several medicine bottles full of topaz crystals. Finally had some more fun. Eileen was picking them up and got within a few yards of an antelope.



From there we headed out toward Provo, UT. After a couple of days in the Provo area, we headed east toward Colorado. After 20 miles or so, I started hearing funny sounds that did not belong. I pulled over and checked things out. I found one axle very hot. So—we turned around and went back over the pass toward Provo. Slowly.

At an abandoned drive-in movie I took the axle out and found one retaining nut off. The locking washer all ground to pieces, the second nut about 2 turns from coming off. If it had, there would have been no brakes! They hold wheel bearing on too. I could not find new nuts anywhere (dealers, too). I finally bought a round file and filed off the threads on one nut until it would screw back on, then used the other nut to lock that one on. And—down the road we went, or rather, up and over the passes we went—one after the other.

We finally got to Dinosaur National Park and camped. We made the tour and heard all about the area. Nice visit, too.



Then we headed north toward Wyoming. Yes, up another long, steep winding road, through rain and snow, and then finally down a steep road toward Flaming

Gorge Reservoir. I got a nice picture of some red ____? Sheep that area in that area only (large mountain sheep).

We spent one night at Flaming Gorge and went to Green River, WY, to visit friends. They have a dune buggy too and winter at Quartzsite with us. He later had by-pass surgery. He took me to a salvage yard west of town, and we found the needed axle parts easily. We checked out both axles too.

Oh, yeah, I forgot. When we left at Great Basin, the speedometer started making noise. We fixed that too at Wyoming. The new transmission also was registering .2/10 off every mile. You really did not know how fast you were going.

Anyway, we finally left Green River and again went north. We stopped at Pinedale, WY, to tour the Mountain Man Museum. Very nice visit. Good display. Heavy rifles. Jim Bridger's rifle there too.

From there it was on to Jackson Hole. Went on to a campground and then back to town to 'shop.' We had seen 100 or more antelopes on the way. At Jackson there was a moose and buffalo.

We got to Yellowstone the next day. We past Fishing Bridge and to a campground north. Then we went to Gardner, MT, and the upper and lower falls.

We sat along with dozens of others along a highway, waiting on a 'reported' grizzly bear sighting. After more than an hour, we gave up. There are no bears in Yellowstone Park! It's all a myth! Do you think people would drive there to see only buffalo?

We woke up the next a.m. to SNOW!! We headed out toward West Yellowstone. We had to wait until 9:00 a.m. for the road to open. (They work at night.) We left in snowstorm. I heard later they got more than 12 inches. We got rain and snow all the way to Butte, MT. There was snow on the ground, on roofs, everywhere.

Went to Ruby Lake, too. After a couple of days there, we headed on north. We got to Anaconda and pulled into a Hardee's for breakfast. As I backed up (or tried to), the transmission quit. No reverse. We could go forward, so I drove up over the curb and got out of there. We spent several days at Lost Creek Park. Free campground.

One a.m., we went for a hike early on. We kept hearing a strange sound that finally we recognized as sheep or goats. It turned out to be a herd of a dozen or more mountain goats, about 250 feet from our camp. They were up on the cliffs above us. The head billy goat was calling to the rest, warning trouble (us). I should have a nice photo of them.

Another morning, Eileen headed along the path/trail, and I was 30 seconds behind her. As I stepped out of the motor home, I heard her say something. I looked up, and here she came back, stumbling along. She said, "It was an elk! I rounded the large boulder right there" (maybe 100 feet from the motor home) "and he snorted, and I turned to run and sprained both of my ankles."

After I determined she was going to live and wasn't in a life-threatening situation, I went in the direction she indicated. Then, after determining that the "elk" was really a MOOSE, I went back to get my camera. I have several nice pictures of Prissy (the cat) watching the moose eat from a large boulder she was on. Eileen says, "There I am in dire straits with two broken legs, and all Bob can do is go and grab his camera. What about me?" (True.) Anyway, it not only scared her, but she probably has a hairline fracture on one ankle (still hurts after a month) and a bad sprain too. She said she called it an elk only because she didn't think the area big enough to have a moose in there, and he was only 15 feet away. The park was only 200-300 feet wide, in a canyon, and a mile long.

After leaving Anaconda, we went on to



Phillipsburg so she could get a sapphire jewelry thing she wanted from two years ago when we came through. Had a bear walk through camp.

Then we came back to Eite via Helena. I found that one of the wheels was loose. The same thing happened two years ago. It was ruined. So I located a salvage yard. He had no wheels. He did have a transmission. I bought it rather than drive 650 miles one way to Cedar City, UT, to collect on the warranty to another used transmission. The wheel could be used from a Chevy, he says, but I would need it machined to fit. \$40 wheel and \$50 to machine it (\$90). Then I took it to a tire store. This should have been simple, right? Wrong!!! The tire store says he has 4 tires to fit at \$140 for all four. Won't sell just one. He puts on three. The new rim will not fit with dual tires on it. It has the other tire, and you cannot bolt it on. Need threads to put nuts on. Rim is not as good as old one. Also, this stupid motor home has 3 different rims on it. Front, and dual rears different. Anyway, tires too expensive. So the next morning I am back. I decided to put on 4 new tires of a different size. \$60 more on top of the \$140. Then I needed a spacer to get tires apart and not rub. \$8. Finally got out of town after \$140+\$26+\$8+transmission... Gas money for summer gone. Plenty of food to eat, sitting still.

1 Took the motor home and headed for Quartz Mt Crystal park to look for crystals. Found a free camping spot along stream (Wise River), and there changed out transmission again. I knew how this time. It went better. We found some nice crystals at the site. Lots of people come there. Bus loads of rocks, etc. You can dig holes all over the mountain. Eileen found bigger and better than I did.

We were now short on gas money but not food (we had a month on board). We left the area and went to visit the Big Hole National Monument site. Nez Perce Indians vs bad guys (army). Indians did not sign treaty to give up lands. Army chased them off and then killed many of them. Women and children— in surprise attack. Chief Joseph later gave up, with 'We will no more forever.' Typical wrong-doing on government and army.

From there we headed over toward Hamilton and Missoula (104 degrees today). We were supposed to camp at a campground but because of road construction and the Forest people who have two roads three miles apart with the same number, we got on the wrong road. AAA was at fault too. Anyway, it was a very steep road. The motor home overheated.

No turnarounds anywhere. It blew a hole in radiator. We finally got down to the highway and camped in a nice campground with electricity and water too. I patched the radiator with JB Weld epoxy, and we tried to keep going. The motor home kept overheating. It finally broke the power steering belt, and that in turn flipped off the main fan belt. I got out to put more water in, not knowing about the belts. I took a cloth to open the radiator cap (stupid, I know), and as I touched it, the cap blew off and I got scalded on my forehead, arm and shoulder. I quickly had water dumped on me. I kept it up with a wet towel too. Finally I got some water in radiator and found a better pull off. Some people who had seen me with the towel stopped to see what happened. When I told them that the water pump had also been damaged, they invited us to their house to fix things. The next morning, I had the new water pump installed (\$40 + \$5), and we got back on the road.

I turned back south. I was so mad by now I was going home. We managed to get to the bottom of a pass and spent the night in CG. The next morning we went over the pass without overheating and into Idaho. We finally got to Edmond, Idaho, but did not find a salvage yard open. I did get to look at an identical model engine and radiator setup. So after deciding it was too hot to get home, we went back north to the pass. We went over early in the morning. Everything cool (temperature 40 degrees). By now I had installed a 12V fan in front of the radiator, as well as running the heater all of the time. As long as the temperature is under 85 degrees, it runs cool. Don't ask when we go south and it never cools down to 85.

We finally got to Missoula. Had a great 4th of July fireworks display and music, from Declaration of Independence, Gettysburg Address, etc., and John Philip Sousa to contemporary music, and then half an hour of bomb bursting. Very good show, better than most towns ever think of. Best I've ever seen.

We got to Kalispell a couple of days ago. Heading to Glacier next. Next repair? Brakes, I think. Worn out on passes. Anyway, we have not quit. But!!!

We saved money all year to get to Prince Rupert/Alaska to see grizzly bears feeding on salmon. We'll settle for just across the border and over into Washington state. Then home. Will send post cards only, I hope.

Burns almost healed and soon will not show on hands? Face OK and does not show. Lucky it wasn't worse. Only had a few blisters. But looked really horrible. Lost a lot of tanned skin. Right now spending days in nice city (Kalispell) Park, feeding ducks and geese. Temperature in 90's.

Going on on Saturday.

Forgot about radiator/transmission fitting damaged changing water pump. Had to replace that, too. \$10 plus fluid.

Went to Hungry Horse Reservoir for three days. Almost no access due to steep-sided and huge trees in woods. Found 2 free campgrounds at boat launches. Replaced front brake shoes—needed to be done, too. From there we went to Glacier National Park. Removed right side mirror.

And we went up and over the "Going to the Sun Road." Very steep 12 miles with almost nothing for sides. Rock wall 12" high. Narrow 10' lanes. No passing. Shear walls up and shear walls down. Constant turns. 25 mph maximum speed. We were on the outside lane, too. Outstanding view of peaks all around. Nothing close to it in Colorado. Walked in snowfields at top of pass in shorts and sandals. East side less steep but great. Two Medicine Lake area closed, due to road construction, unless 40-mile detour, where we wanted to go again. Took 10 minutes to cool engine at top.

So we headed the next day to Waterton N.P. in Canada. Took 50 minutes to clear Customs.



From there we headed west to Cranbrook, B.C. to get colored marshmallows and special cookies. They don't sell them anywhere in the States that we have found. There is a new Wal-Mart there now.

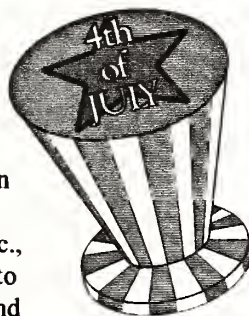
Then we spent a couple of days at a forest overlook back in the woods that we had found 2 years ago. Nice and peaceful and a great view.

Finally we went on north to Invermere and then to Radium Hot Springs. We have 2 sets of friends who winter at Quartzsite that own businesses there. One has a small amusement park and one a small motel. They must work all summer to make a living. They count days to get to AZ.

We stopped at a hot springs just south that was free. Steep rocky road, though. There is a bluff on west side of the Columbia River Valley to camp and have the whole valley to look out over. The river meanders all over the place in several branches and there's a huge area under water with lily pads and marshes. River area is about 1 mile wide, great for ducks. The river starts about 30 miles south in lake.

After visiting for several days we headed on through Kootenay N.P. and into Banff N.P. to the town of Banff. Site of 199? Olympics in winter. Huge mountains for scenery.

We rode the gondola up Sulphur Mt. (Free tours from friends). The view from there is equal to Glacier N.P. It doesn't get much better anywhere. Lots of shops and people



in town. Larger version of Breckenridge, CO. Really nice town to visit. Nice RV park on hill above town, too.

We are now back at Radium Hot Springs on the homebound (more or less) direction.

Forgot about Ft. Steele. Old town that B.C. has turned into living history like the old Fort William we went to at Thunder Bay, Ontario. Spend the whole day. Rose steam train, horse-drawn wagon, saw melodrama play. Many out-on-streets skits based on old issues of Ft. Steele. Great day's entertainment. Great ice cream. 1 scoop price = 2 or 3 in cup.

In Banff I went into several galleries and looked at Eskimo sculpture. Very expensive now. Some places also had Canadian artists. One shop had great blown-glass pieces, bowls, cake plates?, etc. Very pretty and expensive. Several also had working artists (painting) as demo.

Saw a nice bicycle for only \$1600. 27 speed. Found I could just swap out rear gear cluster to get updated from 21 to 27 speeds. (Need lower gears.) I have bike along but have no ridden much yet.

Had blowout on front tire of motor home at 15 mph on gravel road leading to cliff where we camp at Radium Hot Springs. Still have 2 good spares. Of course, logging trucks use that road and kick up lot of dust in my face.

Ft. Steele was classic case of rich man influencing railroad to build through his property and not through established town (3000 people) at Ft. Steele. So Ft. Steele died out. Some man got rights to railroad land and sold off railroad and kept coal mines. Got rich and hated but Canbrook (his new town) has about 30,000 people now. Ft. Steele had 5,000 in c.1900.

We visited the friends at Radium Hot Springs on our way back toward the U.S. They were still counting the days until they could close up and head south. Approx. 74 days then.

We stopped for a couple of days at a small lake, Johnson Lake. We discovered an abandoned RR right-of-way. We were told it was probably a siding for a saw mill. They had many of these at the turn of the 20th century for cutting RR ties. We discovered some old building remains. A forest fire in 1947 had burned up everything but left a few collectibles. I hiked around, keeping my eyes open for bears. Several reported in area, both grizzly and black bears. Nice quiet place to relax.

We went back to Ft. Steele for ice cream, still a bargain with 2 scoops + for the price of one scoop (in a cup).

We tried to find Horse Creek gold diggings and old site of Fisherville. Forerunner of Ft. Steele. Raining, steep road and found nothing at distance on map. Did find an old mill site back down. Building built like

wishing well with boards on flat sides in octagon shape. Saw two more deer. One buck and one doe. Neither showed fear of vehicles or humans. Should have good pictures.

We spent the night at Wal-Mart again. Left early next a.m. for States. Did not slow down much for Bonner's Ferry, ID, but stopped at Sandpoint Wal-Mart. Spent several days looking over town and shops. Nice beach and lake. Lake is really huge. Then we headed on to Spokane, WA. Looked town and malls over. New Wal-Mart store on north end of town. Good thing, too. Almost no brakes from Sandpoint on. Bought new master cylinder at Sandpoint, and it did not work. Bought replacement at Spokane and got good brakes again. Try driving in Sunday traffic without brakes. Heading toward Yakima now to visit friends. Then the long trip home begins.

One of the highlights of trip: new ice cream store discovered, called Cold Stone Creamery. None in the Midwest area, but everywhere in East and West. (Arizona based at Phoenix or Scottsdale.) They make the ice cream in store. You pick out flavor and size, get one additive (nuts, M&M's, etc.) for free. They then scoop up lots of ice cream and add nuts, etc., on a refrigerated "stone" top and mix it all together. Good show. Sorta like the Japanese knife-throwing restaurants. They sing when they get a tip, too. See Coldstonecreamery.com. They had lots of customers, and only one block from where we were parked at Wal-Mart. Very reasonable prices, too. Great ice cream. Went twice.

Left early next a.m. toward Moses Lake and stopped for the day. Interesting small city. Nice large lake. New Wal-Mart Super Center, which had not all been opened. Still had a couple of weeks to finish food side.

Up early and on toward Yakima. Several long hills to climb as we left the Columbia River country behind. Got to Yakima by 9 a.m. and waited a while before calling our friends. Found out we were only 1 block from being on road that led to their small town (Tieton) 10 miles away. Probably could not have found them by highway route. Lots of apple orchards here and all side roads look alike. Leaving, same way too, even though we went out to highway several times with them. Went to farmers' market. Not as good as others.

I was invited to go fishing for steelhead trout (ocean going trout like salmon). We left at 1:00 p.m. and we drove a long time down to the Columbia River as it goes between Washington and Oregon. Then west until we were about 40 miles from Portland, OR/Vancouver WA, staying on Washington side. We fished in a lake known as Arano Lake, but was only across the RR tracks and highway from the Columbia River. It was where the Little White Salmon River went into the Columbia. I caught one steelhead the first afternoon—my very first—and then

early next a.m. caught two more, which was my limit. So by 8 a.m., I was only able to watch the other two try to limit out. We also caught our limit by 10:30 a.m. and left the fishing to others. 9 trout all together. Not bad. The fish all went from 7 lbs to over 1 lbs. Got home tired. Not used to staying up all night. (Actually slept for 4 hours) and started again at 4:30 a.m. Long trip home. Took 5 minutes or less to get to sleep that night, with lights still on.

We got home to see huge smoke coming from just west of the little town, Tieton. Grass/range fire. I hiked ½ mile up to top of hill by their house and took pictures. About half an hour after I walked back, the fire that had been 2 miles on west was now out of control and raging. Soon it was several miles wide. They had the Forest Service planes and helicopters dumping water and retardant on it. It took most of the day to get it under control again. It ended up burning right where I had hiked up to and beyond. Then, after a day of lower winds it has flared up again. Smoke everywhere, but more north. Winds still 25 mph.

Leaving in a.m. for home. Smoking can be hazardous to your health when it's that close. Fire stopped just a few feet short of a house on that hill. Watched planes from half mile or less away.

Stopped at Ruby Reservoir after leaving Yellowstone. That is where we had found ruby garnets and sapphires two years ago. The weather was terrible. Snowline on hills around was only a few feet above us. Raining, cold, and windy. We gave up after two days and headed toward Butte. Had to use interstate half way because of snow on passes. Temperature in low 30's.

Saw huge cattle drive at Ruby. Strung out for a mile along highway. Complete with cowboys on horseback moving them to summer? range. Butte paper had headline showing mountain range south of town with "February & June" caption. Must be where they get most snow on them.

Bought almost-new 12-speed 27" for \$7. Had flat, so was never ridden. Now have two bikes. Have to ask Kerry which one to use on roads.

Left Yakima and stopped to visit State Fruit Exhibition. Rode nice bicycle path, 10 miles long, best I have ever seen. Drove on to Kennewick, spent two days there. Nice bicycle path there, too. It went along Columbia River. There they had a nice city park along river. They hold unlimited hydroplane boat races in July. Too late for us this year.

Found large blackberry patch, so picked some and had to get ice cream to go with them.

Went on to Pendleton, OR. Visited the wool mill where they make the clothes and blankets. Found computer desk in thrift store. One piece missing; I'll make a new one. Cheap. Went on to LaGrande, OR,

to Ontario, OR. Did not get to visit relatives at Nampa, had to travel on through. Better weather forced us to. I had used radiator flush. It only made engine run better. Took shortcut on map that would cut 20-30 miles and bypass Twin Falls, ID. Road was not where map said, and no bridge across Snake River either. Ended up backtracking through Twin Falls.

Went as far as Jack Pot, NV, that morning. Left there in the evening and headed south on Highway US 93. 587 miles to get to Las Vegas. Drove early the next day and spent most of day at Ely, NV. Found gas station selling gas 30 cents under all of the other stations in town; full service, too. They did windshield and pumped gas too. Went another 100 miles that evening.

Got early start again and made it in Las Vegas by 6 a.m. Left after the Labor Day week end and made it home by 6 a.m. A lot of difference in temperature from what we had all summer.

9/2002. We found that there was no electricity or water in the whole town. There had been high winds the day before, which blew down 12 huge power line poles north of town. We were in a bad way. I used our generator from the motor home to get refrigerator going in the house. But no cold water to be had. We had not put any in the motor home refrigerator, expecting to just get home to a normal house. We were thirsty. Hot drinking water does nothing. We finally had electricity by 5 p.m. The temperature for that day 115 degrees. Even the cat was in bad shape. She could not find a cool spot either. Her tongue was hanging out.

But we are home. Today it's 110 degrees, but does not feel anywhere near yesterday's heat. Only a few weeks of this, and by October we will be back down in the 90's. Just right. I had never imagined any heat and thirst like that 115 degree day. Hollywood doesn't even come close.

Remember early on this trip the lack of cars on US 93 North. We found out why. Another highway goes north-south on west side of those same mountains. It has all of the traffic because it's 50 miles shorter from Ely. Non-stop trucks and cars, thousands of them. There are probably not 50,000 people from Las Vegas to Twin Falls, ID, except on that highway in the middle of the night. That same highway is also used for a Grand race in September. 100 miles between towns. Silver State Challenge Road Race. No side roads except forest trails. Wide open foot on the floor. Bring plenty of gasoline. No gas stations except at north end of start line.

Well, I must put computer desk back together. Not on line yet. Had fun, anyway! Lots of hikes and read 30 books.

Tok Eileen up to Las Vegas again on Saturday. She will spend a month with her mother. I'll goof off and disguise it as work. Got computer desk together. Only

one screw missing. Need to build a couple of small storage/book cases to put extra things on.

A Riegel Reunion

August 17, 2002, was the "Annual Riegel Reunion" at Hoffman's Church (St. Peter's), RD 1, Lykens, Dauphin Co., PA. "We have a reunion, every year, the third Saturday in August," says organizer Larry Riegel of LLR@chesco.com.

The 2003 reunion is planned to be in Riegelsville, PA, east of Allentown, but this is apparently a first for this location. "Most of the time we meet near Loyaltown, PA (40 minutes north of Harrisburg)," says Larry. "We met several times at Host Church," which is west of Reading, Berks County, off of Route 422.

Host Reformed Church at Tulpehocken in Berks County just happens to be the place where little "Lea Riegel" was baptized as a six-month-old baby on August 24, 1828. Lea, born April 27, 1828, was the daughter of David and Elizabeth (Kaucher) Riegel, followers of Otterbein's United Brethren in Christ. Some of our information indicates that Leah's father and brother were both pastors in the United Brethren in Christ.

Riegelsville, Charles Reigle tells us, is "on the PA-NJ border, just south of Interstate 78. It is a very small town, and my guess is that we will probably use a church or a VFW lodge to hold our reunion. ... We will probably start about noon, with a picnic-type lunch, and go until 4 or 5 p.m." Motels, he says, are available within a short distance of Riegelsville.

Information about future Riegel reunions can be had from **Larry Riegel**, <LLR@chesco.com> or write him at 549 Dorothy Lane, W. Chester, PA 19380. Phone 610-436-8445. He suggests that genealogical questions and comments be sent to **Charles Rieggle** at Criegle@aol.com. Charles' mailing address is 5080 Mahogany Run, Sarasota, FL 34241 (phone 941-921-2950).

OLD NEWS
(mostly from
the McLouth
Times)



January 5, 1900.

"The folks who came home to McLouth for their holiday vacation have returned to their different places. Among them are... **Ruby Kimmel** to Ottawa;...**Miss Whitmer** and her friend to Morrill..."

"Miss **Rose Kimmel** left Monday for

McPherson to attend college again. She has been there for the past two or three years and since last June has been teaching a large class in music in and around McLouth, and did not return in the fall. She was accompanied by her sister **Miss Mabel** who enters school there, and Mrs. Harnley who resides in McPherson."

January 19, 1900.

"Our Band" describes the town's new concert band. Among the Kimmel kin mentioned, **Walter Bowman** is playing 2nd B Cornet; **Garfield Sykes** and **Louie Kimmel** are playing 2nd alto horn; and **A W Whitmer** is on the bass drum. "While there is no apparent danger of our band outdoing Marshall's unless it be in the amount of noise or muscular exertion, we do claim that they can already play several pieces very well..."

February 15, 1900.

"**Henry Kimmel** has purchased Wesley Rice's 80 acre farm and Mr. Rice purchased 160 acres of **Andy Whitmer**."

March 9, 1900

A lengthy column about **A J BOWMAN & CO**, under new management, describes changes in the store's layout, speaks favorably about **A J Bowman**, and describes other family members involved with the store. **A J Bowman** was a son-in-law of **David & Leah Kimmel** (married to **Lizzie Kimmel**).

"**Frank Bowman** who we presume is the Co, is a bright and energetic young man, honest and faithful, has spent the greater portion of his life here, though has been away enough to get onto the ways of the world, and has rubbed up against the world until he knows how to take people. **Frank** has a host of friends who wish him success in business."

Mention is then made of another **David Kimmel** granddaughter, a daughter of **J W & Susan Riegel Kimmel Black**: "**Miss Emily Black** has been connected with the store for several years in the capacity of clerk; she has made dollars for her employer and friends for herself. She is affable and obliging and the firm would find it hard to dispense with her services."

Even 16-year-old **Walter Bowman**, (who later married a distant cousin, **Twila Pauline Kimmel**) is taken note of: "Last, but not least, comes **Walter**, Mr Bowman's youngest son. **Walter** is a thorough business boy, in fact some say he is the best business man of the outfit, but be that as it may, **Walter** is all business when it comes to matters in the store... If we don't miss our guess **Walter** will make a successful business man."

March 16, 1900.

"**Dan Whitmer** is busy these days interviewing the taxpayers and tax-dodgers."

March 30, 1900.

"Three mules broke out of the livery barn Sunday and one wasn't captured until the next day, when they found it stopping with **Andy Whitmer**."

April 6, 1900.

"The first of a series of union services by the ministers of the town was held in the UB Church Sunday evening, **Elder J R Kimmel** preached the sermon."

April 20 1900

"Patriotic service at Stanwood, Sunday evening, April 22, by **Elder J R Kimmel**. Subject, Spiritual Wickedness in high places."

April 27, 1900.

"While **Nellie Bowman** and Mary Williams were taking a horseback ride last Sunday some boys scared the horse and the girls fell off. Mary sprained her arm which was quite sore for a few days and Mary don't like those horrid boys neither."

June 22, 1900.

"Frightened by a Squirrel.

"**Clem Hummer's** team, which was attached to a buggy Saturday evening, the folks preparing to drive to church, became frightened at a pet squirrel which ran out on the pole of the vehicle. The horses were not tied and had no trouble in getting away. The vehicle was finally lodged into a well curb and the tongue broken which was about all the damage. Fortunately none of the family were in the buggy when the horses ran."

July 13, 1900.

"A Narrow Escape.

"Little **Ray Kimmel** had a narrow escape from being torn up by a vicious sow last Monday evening. He was going down in the pasture to drive up the cows when he came across the sow which had just eaten up a litter of pigs. She rushed at **Ray** and knocked him down and but for the timely arrival of **Mr. Kimmel** and **Louie**, who were going to look after the sow, he would have fared badly and might have been killed. The hog was put in the pen and as soon as fattened will go 'over the road.'"

August 24, 1900.

"**Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel** of Kansas City spent a few days in McLouth this week visiting relatives. **Mrs. Kimmel** is a cousin of T W Glynn." [Anybody know who these folks were?]

"R B Garrett has recently sold several windmills. He put one up for **Henry Kimmel** this week and has ordered one for Dr. Jones. Brown understands the windmill and pump business and is kept on the 'hump' this dry weather."

"**Mrs A J Bowman** is still quite poorly."

"A J Bowman was in Nortonville Wednesday to meet delegates of the Atchison county SS work to arrange for the

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"THE Daylight."

Hurrah for me and the Daylight!

big convention of both counties which will be held in Nortonville."

September 21, 1900.

"**Dan Whitmer** went to Mulhall, Ok. Monday evening. He will be absent a week or ten days."

February 8, 1901.

"**Henry Kimmel** removed a couple of hundred head of cattle from his farm north of town to south farm Monday, which assisted greatly in breaking the roads so that they were passable with wagons."

"**Henry Kimmel** has purchased the Carnahan homestead of 115 acres. Consideration \$4,000."

March 29, 1901.

"Deeds making the following additional transfers of real estate were recorded yesterday: ... Melissa Carnahan and the other heirs of David Carnahan, deceased, to **Henry Kimmel** for \$4,000, forty acres of land lying in Easton township."

An article concerning the March 21 organizational meeting of "Veva Mera Helbas, a Christian *belle lettres* group," lists Kimmel descendants **Emily Black**, **Mary Black**, and **Rose Kimmel** among the 14 young ladies in attendance.

June 7, 1901.

"**D W Whitmer**, our Trustee, has just read instructions to build new wings on the bridge on Prairie creek 3 1/2 miles north; also to locate a new road around the hill south of the Walnut creek bridge, which is so steep that it is often impassable for a load. He has also

very much improved the road north of the Grove school house for which the mail man will thank him."

July 4, 1901.

"**Frank Bowman**, An Artist.

"**Frank Bowman**, of this city, son of a mayor and one of the enterprising business men of McLouth, is an artist of unusual ability. He seems to be possessed of a natural gift for drawing pictures. He gives a life like effect to his drawings and brings out every feature in a way that could not be improved upon."

"He worked for some time on the *Kansas City World*, also on the *Journal* and his work was commended by his employers. He has also had experience in making chalk plates. [Drawing. The drawing we show elsewhere on this page is part of a December advertisement for his father's store that year.]

The above plate was made by him in this office and we print it to give you a idea of the kind of work he is capable of doing. **Mr. Bowman** will probably branch out for himself before long and we predict for him a successful future."

Frank Bowman was Benjamin Franklin Bowman, son of Andrew J Bowman and S. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Kimmel Bowman, a daughter of David and Leah Kimmel. My records show that Frank married Janet Crabo and moved to Wichita. He and Janet had a son, **Lawrence Bowman**, but we seem to have lost touch with this branch of

e Kimmel family.

July 26, 1901.

The following gentlemen left Tuesday evening for Oklahoma to register for the opening of the Indian lands: **A J Bowman**, J J Groshong, Billy Means, **Immer Hummer**, Ed Nevins, R B Gould, **ave Edmonds**, **Dan Whitmer**, Chas. Rankins."

August 2, 1901.

Mrs. A J Bowman and Miss **Emily Black** have returned from a nine weeks' visit in Illinois. **Mrs. Bowman** is improved somewhat in health. "

September 6, 1901.

Mrs. J R Kimmel received a telegram from Mulhall, Okla., that the eldest daughter of her brother, **C. Magill**, had died Thursday of Typhoid Fever. The body will be brought to McLouth for burial Saturday morning on the Southwestern."

There was a large attendance at Miss **Rose Kimmel's** recital Saturday night. It was a very creditable entertainment."

September 13, 1901.

Louis and **Ruby Kimmel** and **Garfield Sykes** went to McPherson last Monday where they will attend school this fall and winter."

An obituary for **Emma Mabel Magill**, appears. She was a daughter of **C. Magill** (and a niece of **Josiah Kimmel's** wife) and died of typhoid.

September 20, 1901.

Nov. 22, 1901. "In a letter from **Walter Bowman** he says he has a position in the underwear department at Burnham, Mann, Munger & Co's wholesale house and is well pleased with his place and position."

"Thieves Beware. "

The McLouth Anti-Thieving Association held their annual meeting at C M Rankin's pharmacy. [**A J Bowman** was elected secretary.] "The Association was organized in Nov. 1896, after a series of thefts had been perpetrated..." and the group offered cash rewards for the arrest and conviction of thieves.

November 8, 1901.

Mrs. A J Bowman returned home last Friday from Dr. Punton's Sanitarium in Kansas City, where she has been for six weeks."

November 15, 1901.

A J Bowman, **Mrs. Myers** and **Mrs. Henry Kimmel** attended the Sunday School Association at Oskaloosa, Wednesday."

James Black went down to Oklahoma last week to stay a while with **Caleb Magill** and family."

An obituary for **Caleb Magill**, who died November 15 of typhoid, appears.

"**John Bowman** and wife spent Monday visiting friends near Easton."

"**Walter Bowman** came in Tuesday morning from a tour through Holton, Seneca and Morrill in the interest of Frank McKinley's portrait business."

"**Abe Bowman** recently received a picture of McKinley and his wife. The picture is a copy of a pen picture executed by his nephew **Frank Bowman**. The picture is a beautiful work of art and does credit to the artist.—Morrill News."

"**Walter Bowman** went to Kansas City yesterday to work in the wholesale house of Burnham, Hanna, Munger & Co. **Walter** is liked by everyone here, attends strictly to business and will be greatly missed by a host of friends who wish him success and good luck."

December 6, 1901

"**H. H. Kimmel** has in 100 acres of wheat which is looking fine. He is pasturing it and the stock looks almost like they were being corn fed. Wheat raising is rather a new departure for our farmers. We see that several are trying it. Should next season be a repetition of this, those who have some wheat will be in line to have their bank accounts increased."

"It seems that the same miscreant who splintered Mrs. Moore's door up so badly in an attempt to gain entrance, tried **old Mrs. Kimmel's** door with better result. **Mrs. Kimmel** has been gone for some time and it was only by accident that the neighbors discovered the theft. The door had been forced open and the house had been ransacked, but what was taken is not known. Some chap is indeed in big business, robbing the house of a widow woman." [*This 'old Mrs. Kimmel' must be David Kimmel's second wife, Sarah Shook Kimmel, who lived in McLouth for a time after David's death.*]

December 6, 1901.

"**J H Bowman** sold two new wagons within the last week. One to Chas. Fetty last Saturday and one to S R Slawson Wednesday."

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December 13, 1901:

"**Mrs. Sarah Kimmel** returned to her home in McLouth Wednesday. She said that the burglars who ransacked her house took all of her flour."

"**J R Kimmel** has just purchased Mr.

Holland's farm north of town, formerly the W T Stout farm."

"**Harry Bowman** received a letter from **Abe Bowman** this week, stating that he has rented his large new building at Morrill for five years at \$28 per month. His building is not quite completed but will be a fine one."

December 20, 1901.

"**Mrs. Kimmel** and **Mrs. McBroom** of Springdale spent several days in McLouth this week, the guests of **Mrs. Caroline Moore**." [*Who was Mrs. Kimmel of Springdale?*]

"**Harry Bowman** has had some pretty bad luck this fall. He has lost three head of cattle. The last was a fine bull that he paid \$45 for when it was a calf, which died of blackleg."

December 27, 1901.

"**Miss Rose, Mabel, and Ruby Kimmel** and Messrs. **Louie Kimmel** and **Garfield Sykes**, together with a number of friends, came in from McPherson to spent vacation."

"**Walter Bowman** came out from K C Tuesday to spend the remainder of the week with home folks."

January 3, 1902

"**Andy Whitmer** has been offered \$300 for his fine pacing mare Reckless, but it was no temptation."

"Cattle Are Dying.

"Nearly all the stockmen around here have lost a number of cattle, their death apparently caused from something in the stockfields, but as one expressed it, 'they died for want of breath,' the real cause not being known. Messrs. **Amos** and **Matt Edmonds**, **Henry Kimmel**, **O W Glynn** and **Harry Bowman** are heavy losers. **Matt Edmonds** has lost eleven head, while **Mr Brent** who lives near Central Chapel lost five out of nineteen head. The cause has baffled the best veterinarians of the state. Last summer was an unnatural summer and some unnatural accumulations on the stalk is not unlikely."

January 17, 1902

"**A J Bowman** called **Walter** home from his work in Kansas City and sent him to McPherson to complete his commercial course.

H M Reynolds, **John Bowman**, and **Jim Cross** went to Kansas City, Tuesday, to attend the Implement Dealers Association.



Address changes:

Collins, Bonnie T Winters, 14517 East Caley Ave., Aurora CO 80016-1092.

Farrow, Nelda & Donald, 606 Highland Ave., Washington Ct House, OH 43160.

Kaup, ** 3128 NW 43rd Street, Topeka KS 66618-2648.

Kruse, Richard & Katie, 7443 North Washington Blvd, Indianapolis IN 46240-3088.

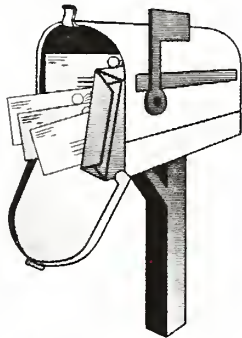
McPherson, Sylvia Dawn, 6512 E 128th Terrace, Grandview MO 64030.

Schoellkopf, Barbara Stollings, 1060 Bayside Court, Columbus IN 47201.

Ward, Deanna Hummer, 3441 NW Fredith Rd., Topeka KS 66618.

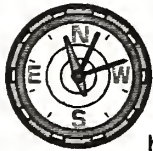
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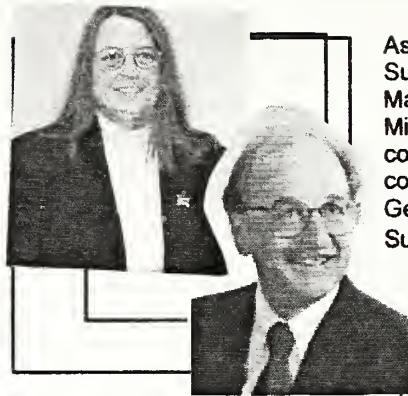
Mary Ann Kimmel Whitmer
From **Ritch & Charlotte Whitmer**
Davidson of Modesto, CA, a
September 30 e-mail:



"...Charlotte and I have been very busy traveling, having been to Europe three times in one year. We were on a Danube cruise last Aug/Sept. And flew home from Bucharest on 9/10!! Then in May/June this year a week in Marbella, Spain, and two weeks on an Elderhostel in Bordeaux and Bergerac, France, (learning all about wine making, etc.). Then we came home this 9/13 from three weeks on a grand circle tour of (mostly) Eastern Europe countries with 4-day stays in Berlin, Warsaw, Krakow, Prague and Budapest. Then we have two weeks in Hawaii in November. We have vowed to just vacation where we can drive next year. What's the news on the reunion? Hope you're all fine. Enjoy the newsletter."

Can anybody tell us how the South Dakota House elections came out? We haven't been able to find out whether our own **Rebekah Ann Sutley**

Craddock won her race for District 11's House spot in the state legislature.



Rebekah, a Republican, had previously been appointed to the state Senate, and we found her in the South Dakota Voter Guide, which told us "**Craddock** is an active volunteer in Sioux Falls, serving as President of the Sioux River Valley Community Health Center Board, a member of the Board for the Sioux Falls Board of Health, the Siouxland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, the Minnesota/Dakota Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and the South Eastern Council of Governments."

Also, the Guide continues, "**Craddock** serves on the Senate and Joint Appropriations Committees. **Craddock** is vice president of the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations in Sioux Falls. She also serves as Executive Secretary of the South Dakota Academy of Physician Assistants." Rebekah is a granddaughter of **Edith Muriel Whitmer Smith**.

While searching on-line for election results, we found a brother of Rebekah's through Dentistry OnLine.com. **Michael Karvin Sutley**, who is part of the Prairie Dental Group in Minneapolis, MN:

"**Dr. Michael K. Sutley**, Oral Surgeon. Dr. Sutley received his B.S. degree from Loyola University in 1968. He graduated with his DDS degree from Loyola University in 1972 and completed the Washington University Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program in 1980.

"He is a member of the ADA, the American

Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the MDA and the Minneapolis District Dental Society. In his continuing education, he has completed courses in Advanced Surgical Concepts, General Anesthesia, Advanced Life Support, Implant Surgery and more."

Martha Kimmel Hummer:

We have a note and check from **Susan Coughenour Lundstrom**, a granddaughter of **Melvin Hummer**. Susan lives in Lindsborg, KS. She told us about the Hummer family's Oklahoma! fling in central Kansas. She also shared her photos.



Henry H Kimmel:

Cassie Tompkins of Columbia MO says her grandma Jan Tompkins got some of her facts wrong. She won't be going to Ft. Bragg NC, but to Ft. Jackson, SC, for her basic training when she finishes high school this spring. Do we have any cousins near there?

A July 11 note from **Marilyn Bower** of Wichita (hand-delivered in October): "This evening **Sharron**,



Gary, Jennifer, Margaret McGill, **Johnny, Fred, Daniel** (the contractor who's living in the basement

and renovating the home place on Kessler), and his assistant Loren, and myself all met at Furr's and had a birthday celebration dinner for Fred, who's turning 70 years of age on the 18th. We had to have it early because **Sharron, Gary** and **Margaret** have to be at the airport at 5 a.m. tomorrow morning to fly out to Seattle. They are meeting Gary's nephew at Seattle and will be seeing old friends from their years spent there. It was a nice little get-together. We

Diego Bacerra, Jr., age 3, with Uncle Johnny Bower's dog



Diego Jr. with Uncle Johnny's dog

seem to get so busy with our own lives that we don't keep in touch as we should.

Jennifer, who was like her aunts **Janice** and **Virginia**, didn't take to driving right away. One of her big accomplishments this summer was to learn and to acquire her driver's license...

Found out that **Kathy** had sent pictures to her dad of himself and **John** and others in their family when **John & Fred** visited them in Phoenix in February, so I talked them into letting me run around the corner to Kinko's and get us all some copies made.

My big news is that a high school friend walked into Sam's just before the 4th of July and offered me a free cruise. It is for the 1st to the 21st of September on the Mercury (celebrity Line) and is to the western Caribbean (Ft. Lauderdale, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, Cozumel, Key West, and back to Ft. Lauderdale). It is the "Class of '60 When We're 60" cruise...

It wasn't going to get to go, due to having to replace several of the things that are essential to running a house, like the hot water heater, a/c, furnace, and having to buy a new car after a teenager with a cell phone whacked into my oldie-but-goodie car. My friend Linda's husband has changed jobs, and his new one has something to do with a race car (possibly NASCAR) and he has to be in Topeka with the race car that week. Since it was that far in advance, we could change the name on the tickets.

— I've been digging way back in my closets and have hit some sales and pretty much have the clothes thing rounded up. I've even consulted some of my Mexican co-workers to find out how they say "shark" in Spanish. It's "tiburon!" That way I won't be puttering around in the water while all of the natives have vamoosed...

We have a Sept. 4 e-mail from **Jack (Randy) Mason** of Kobe, Japan:

"We do get the newsletters, thank you! We just got the Bower and the Himmel was about a week ago. It was real interesting reading about **Great Uncle John**.

We have Thursday and Friday off from work, so I am catching up on e-mails. Summertime is over, and life is back to cram-packed days. Kids are in school with a great amount of homework (1 in JH and 2 in SH). **Diane** is busy with volunteering, teaching English, leading music at church, managing the home, etc.

My days are long with international revised conferences in the evening, etc., teach the youth, searching for a pastor, and try to meet the needs of the church."

A bunch (well, a smaller bunch than last year) of Bower women got together the week of October 19 at Columbia, MO., at the

home of **Ken & Jan Tompkins**.

Virginia Bower Mason flew up on Wednesday from her home in Atlanta, GA to Kansas City, where she was picked up by **Marilyn Griffin Bower** of Wichita, and the two headed east to Columbia. The three spent Thursday doing the usual "Art Crawl" downtown, critiquing the new city library, and eating out. Thursday evening they were joined by **Sharron Bower McGill** of Wichita. Friday morning, Marilyn left in the wee hours so she could get back to Wichita in time to be at work by noon, and **Sharron, Virginia, & Jan** repeated the downtown "Art Crawl," checked out the wares at the Mall, and ate out.

(**Jan's** cat, who took exception to being stepped on during all the confusion, spent most of the week hiding in the bottom kitchen cabinet and didn't come out till things were back to normal.)

Ken is reported to have spent a lot of time in his shop, but generally managed to join them for lunch. And Sunday noon it was all over, when **Sharron** and her aunt **Virginia** headed toward the KC airport.

Bob Bower sent an Oct. 16 e-mail from Quartzsite, AZ. "Yep, still here. Finally got a few days under 100 degrees this week. Still 104 Sunday. Still running a/c every day. Snow birds slowly getting. Need a good cold front to chase them down. Found out what may have been the problem with the overheating on motor-home. Previous owner put too small a radiator in. There are two for that engine. 3-row and 4-row of cooling? passages in radiator. Got to check it out. Oh, well, not going anywhere soon.

"We have mostly gotten the place squared away again. Yard cleaned up, storage sheds cleaned out and back in some kind of order. Might find things now when I look for them. So far, no snipers here, no West Nile disease. Life closer to what it should be."



John Bower of McLouth, KS, wrote October 26: "... It doesn't take much to keep me busy, though I am still a pretty good man sitting down. **Mary** and I do pretty well, but I would be in trouble without her..."

"We are in fairly good health, but spend a lot checking up and keeping it so. I had a colonoscopy this week.

You have to drink a lot of water, and some poor tasting stuff getting ready for it, but it is good to hear the doctor say he could see nothing wrong. What you don't know can hurt you. We Bower boys really had a good physical inheritance passed on to us — no diabetes or coronaries...

Chris, Ruth's oldest, and **Cassie** are building a new house. I sold him 4 acres between here and the road, north of the driveway, and they have built a very attractive house northwest of ours. Their driveway comes into ours below that big cedar tree. They got the house up during the dry spell, with very little rain on it. Now the rain has brought up new grass, and it looks very nice...

"The season is coming on when we appreciate our basement garage. The car will have a warm place all winter, and won't be cold when we start out. We are fortunate we can still drive. Keep in touch."

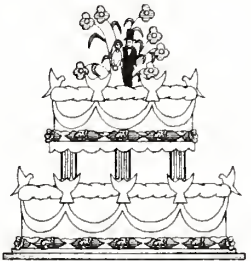
Shawn Barnett and **Shawna Norwood** were married at BooJum Trees Hidden Gardens in Phoenix, AZ, on Nov. 16.

Shawna's parents are Robin Champlin and Greg Norwood. **Shawn Barnett** is the son of David Barnett and **Mary Katherine Bower** of Phoenix, and a great-grandson of **Don Bower**.

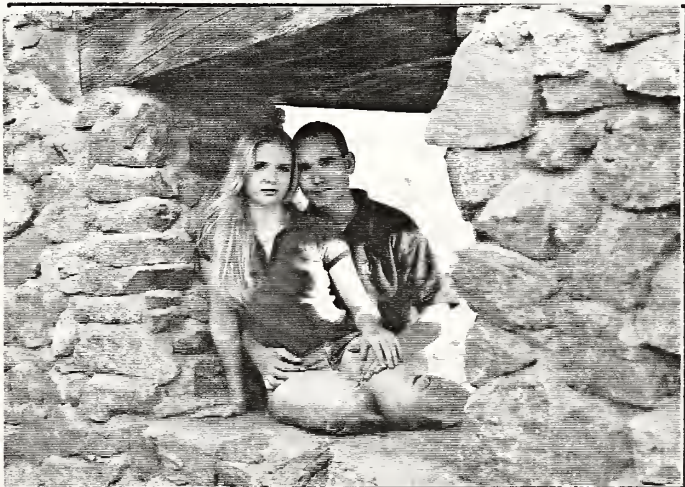
Shawn's aunt **Sharron Bower McGill** flew down from Wichita with her dad, **Fred Bower**. Fred, who turned 70 this summer, was some-where between amused and annoyed, because the security folks at the airport elected to keep his reading glasses and his keys, but he was able to talk them out of removing the heels of his boots.

A November 18 e-mail from **Sharron Bower McGill** of Wichita KS gives a few more details: "Dad & I flew to Phoenix on Thursday, and we arrived back Sunday evening..."

"The wedding was beautiful! It was



Engagement photo of **Shawn Barnett** and **Shawna Norwood**, married November 16 at Phoenix, AZ.



held at a place that looked like an arboretum. Water fountains and beautiful trees and shrubbery.

Shawna's mom had made her wedding dress and all the bridesmaid dresses and flower girl's dress. It was a fairy tale wedding like Cinderella (that was sorta the theme).

"Anyway, Dad and I enjoyed ourselves. I think he was the oldest adult there. They got him in a couple of pictures with the bride and groom..."

OTHER KIMMEL COUSINS:

Wayne a.k.a. SpiWebb@aol.com sent an e-mail this summer:



"We had corresponded some time ago regarding the above two people and you had graciously supplied me with some information regarding the **Kimmel** family of Jefferson township in Montgomery county, Ohio. As things go I was satisfied until just now. I am in the process of transcribing the 1850 census for Randolph township in Montgomery county, Ohio, and came across something odd.

"I do not know where your records indicate that **David** and **Leah** were living, but I think it is they that I have found in Randolph Twp. The record indicates that **David "Kimble"** who was born in about 1826 in Ohio and was a farmer with a farm worth \$4,800 was married to a **Leah Kimble** who was born in about 1828 in Pennsylvania. The only other person in the house was a "**Susanna**" who was four months old and born in Ohio. Is this the correct **David & Leah**?"

[Yes, this does sound like our **David and Leah Kimmel**. The birthdates fit, and their first daughter was **Susan**.]



Frances Kimmel of Dayton, OH sent an August 1 note:

"Hope this finds you and yours well. We are doing well for old people, ha. Went to Flora, Ind., to a cousin of **Hobart's** funeral yesterday, can't get motivated today. So very hot, and big funeral.

"We had gotten pretty dry here, then got some rain several times, things have

greened up. Been picking some beans, no tomatoes yet. Lots of cucumbers. Come on over..."

From **Mark Lenz** of Joliet, IL, a November 25 e-mail: "I have come across a book that contains an inscription by **Charles F.**

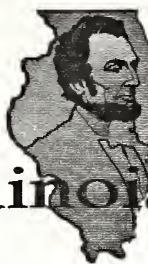
Kimmel in 1864. It also contains a newspaper article containing a letter by **Elmer Ellsworth Kimmel**, written to his father, Charles, on January 17, 1899, in the *Dayton Weekly Journal*. I am trying to find current relatives of theirs, preferably of **Elmer Ellsworth Kimmel**, and give them this book, since it would mean more to them.

"This book contains some handwritten genealogy of these two generations. **Charles** was born in Laugiusalza, Prussia, on Oct. 15, 1843. **Elmer Ellsworth Kimmel** was born in Dayton on Aug. 3, 1874, at no. 177 Richard St., 5th Ward. From what I have found on the internet, Charles died on 5/25/1913, and Elmer died on 8/12/1914. Other members of Charles Kimmel family include: **Kattie Pauline Kimmel** born Aug. 15, 1872, **Mary Willamette Kimmel** born Nov. 23, 1876, **J. Bindarye McPherson Kimmel** (difficult to read the writing for name) born Dec. 21, 1878, **Tecu..Sherman Kimmel**, born Dec. 21, 1878, **James(?) Atlanta Garfield Kimmel** born July 28, 1880, **Ida May Kimmel** born Aug. 8, 1882, **Joseph Donelson Kimmel** born Feb. 121, 1885, and **Charlotte Kimmel** born July 7, 1887, all born in Dayton. I would prefer to find relatives of Elmer since the article was written by him. If you have any information that may help in my search, please contact me at mLenzxxL@aol.com, or at my address, 610 Cornelia St., Joliet, IL 60435. Thank you for any help."

From **Edward R. Kimmel**, Wilmington DE, an Oct. 16 letter for **Admiral Kimmel advocates** along with copies of a press release:

"While you and other esteemed advocates on behalf of the Hawaiian Commanders have already earned

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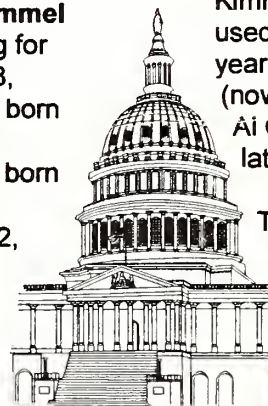
great acclaim in the eyes of many Americans—most certainly that of generations of Kimmel and Short descendants, friends and allies— I feel pressed to ask you to take action on their behalf once more..."

If you are interested in helping in this effort, you can contact **Bill Roller** at **Sam Waltz & Associates** at (302) 777-4774, e-mail rolleri@magpage.com; or the Admiral's son, **Edward R Kimmel**, whose e-mail address is nedkimmel@aol.com.

2003 Kimmel Family Reunion

Plans have yet to be finalized for the 2003 Kimmel Family Reunion, but should be announced before the end of 2002, according to **Jan Tompkins**, who is trying to collect information concerning preferred week ends.

Under consideration are two locations in the Kansas City/Leavenworth general area. One proposal is from a conference center on a lake at **Excelsior Springs, MO**. Yes, the center is air conditioned and has on-site accommodations and meals, plus some interesting amenities. Their only available week ends are August 24 or Labor Day week end. **Excelsior Springs** is an old resort town where the **Kimmels** and **Bowmans** of **McLouth** used to visit somewhat regularly 100 years or so ago. The resort hotel there (now renovated) was also popular with **Ai Capone** and friends some years later.



The committee is also researching motels and conference centers in the old town of **Leavenworth, KS**.

Input from folks who would like to attend is invited (NOW, please!) via e-mail to **Jan Tompkins** at ktompk7744@aol.com or by phone at (573) 442-1498, or by mail to Reunion Committee, c/o **Jan Tompkins**, 325 West Hickam Drive, **Columbia MO 65203**. Also under some consideration is a 2006 reunion in **Kimmel country, Somerset County, PA**. Let us know your thoughts on that, too. And while you're at it, send along your family news.

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